



# COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

## COMMUNITY HEALTH BRANCH REPORT

March 2017

### AGENCY UPDATES

#### ENROLLMENT

PROGRAM	FEBRUARY 2017	MARCH 2017
Medi-Cal/PHC	53,575	52,387
CMSP	4	4

- On February 21, HHSA, in collaboration with the District Attorney's Office, Probation Department and Public Defender's Office, submitted an application to the Board of State and Community Corrections for Proposition 47 grant funds. The project, called Steps to Success, proposes to use \$6 million over a 38-month period to provide wraparound services for individuals who are eligible for a criminal justice diversion program, but unlikely to succeed without supports due to their history of mental health issues and/or substance use disorders. The supports that will be offered by the program will include intensive case management, employment assistance, civil legal assistance and permanent housing assistance. If selected for funding, HHSA anticipates receiving notification in June

#### ANNUAL HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

- The Annual Health & Wellness Fair will be taking place on April 20, 2017 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at Empower Yolo. For the organizations interested in having a booth, please register [HERE](#). The flyer for the fair can be found [HERE](#).

#### CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

- On January 1, 2017, statewide implementation officially began for Foster Youth Continuum of Care Reform (CCR), which was enacted by Assembly Bill 403 in 2015. Key components of CCR include (1) Resource Family Approval (RFA), which standardizes the licensing and approval process for foster and relative homes, (2) complete reform of the statewide group home structure to a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) model, (3) increased requirements for use of Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings for children in foster care, (4) revision of the foster care and Foster Family Agency rate structure and (5) implementation of Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) as a Medi-Cal billable service provided by resource families.

Yolo County is already seeing the benefits of having become an early implementer of RFA on January 1, 2016, with 34 resource families approved to date. Under RFA, unrelated foster parents and relative caregivers complete the same process to be able to take placement of foster children, which has significantly improved training and support for relative caregivers in particular. Since January of 2016, Yolo County had seen an increase in relative placements from 80 (in January of 2016) to 109 (currently). This has had the unexpected benefit of increasing Yolo's local placement capacity for all children, as we have several well-trained relative RFA homes that are also willing to

take other foster children on an emergency basis. With regard to group homes/STRTPs, the three group homes located in Yolo County and all out-of-county group homes where Yolo County children are placed plan to become STRTPs, which will be a lengthy process that spans the next year or two. Yolo County Child Welfare Services has 12 children in group homes and works diligently to step children down to a lower level of care as quickly as possible. New requirements for frequent CFT meetings – which bring together the social worker, child/youth, service providers and natural supports – will further support rapid transitions to family-like settings for kids in group homes/STRTPs.

- The Board’s Child Welfare Services Ad Hoc Committee met on February 14. Topics included reviewing the status of the recently conducted assessment’s recommendations, an update on implementation of the bypass policy and reports on recent meetings with partners including the Court. The committee specifically discussed new positions expected to be considered by the Board as part of the Midyear Budget update on 2/21. In addition, the Committee discussed its role and options to recommend to the Board for continued oversight as the department continues to implement the recommendations developed as part of last summer’s series of workshops.

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### HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMS

#### TOBACCO PREVENTION

On February 15, the West Sacramento City Council unanimously voted to adopt a smoke-free city facilities, parks and recreational areas ordinance. The policy was prompted by city employees, with county tobacco prevention staff providing needed data and statistics. The policy prohibits smoking indoor and outdoors on all properties owned by the city. West Sacramento joins other Yolo County cities, including Davis, Winters and Woodland, in adopting smoke-free parks policies. However, West Sacramento is the first city in Yolo County to include all properties in its ordinance. During review of this ordinance, the West Sacramento City Council also adopted the State’s definition of smoking, which includes electronic cigarettes and marijuana. West Sacramento’s ordinance will allow residents to play, relax and enjoy outdoor areas and recreational facilities without the risk of exposure to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke.

#### HEALTHY YOLO/PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION

On February 16, the Community Health Branch held a “Push the Button” staff celebration to celebrate the moment when our 334 required documents were submitted electronically to the Public Health Accreditation Board. This is an important milestone in the Public Health Accreditation journey as we strive to join 8 other health departments in California and 152 nationally that are accredited. The accreditation process provides a framework to assure our public health services adhere to national best practice standards. Achievements thus far include: development of the Healthy Yolo Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), implementation of the Community Health Branch Workforce Development Plan and Quality Improvement Plan, and development of Branch-level policies addressing Health Equity and Cultural Competency. Next steps in the process will include a review of all documents by public health professionals at the Public Health Accreditation Board, a site visit in the next 6-12 months, and then a decision regarding our accreditation status.

### UPCOMING HHSA MEETINGS & EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
<b>March 10, 2017</b>	1:00 pm	Breastfeeding Coalition
<b>March 14, 2017</b>	4:30 pm	Community Services Action Board (CSAB)
<b>March 15, 2017</b>	8:30 am	Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health (MCAH) Advisory Board
<b>March 16, 2017</b>	8:30 am	Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC)
	10:30 am	Behavioral Health Services Provider Stakeholder Work Group
<b>March 21 &amp; 22, 2017</b>	8:30 am	Mental Health First Aid
<b>March 22, 2017</b>	5:00 pm	Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Public Hearing
<b>March 27, 2017</b>	7:00 pm	Local Mental Health Board
<b>April 11, 2017</b>	4:30 pm	Community Services Action Board (CSAB)
<b>April 13, 2017</b>	9:00 am	Health Council
<b>April 14, 2017</b>	1:00 pm	Breastfeeding Coalition
<b>April 19, 2017</b>	8:30 am	Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health (MCAH) Advisory Board
<b>April 20, 2017</b>	10:30 am	Behavioral Health Services Provider Stakeholder Work Group
	11:00 am	Health & Wellness Fair
<b>April 24, 2017</b>	6:00 pm	Local Mental Health Board
<b>April 26, 2017</b>	9:00 am	Healthy Yolo Joint CHIP Work Group