

**Local Mental Health Board
Mental Health Director's Report
June 26, 2017**

Personnel – We have a new Assistant Director for HHSA. Rebecca Mellot joined us on June 12th. She comes to us with over a decade of experience in integrated HHSA, in Placer and Shasta County. She is a wealth of information and we are excited to have her on our team. On July 24th, we will also be welcoming a new Community Health Branch Director, Mimi Hall. Mimi is coming to us from Plumas County. She has been the Director of Plumas County Public Health since 2008 and also served as their Veteran's Services Officer, Alcohol & Drug Administrator and Mental Health Director.

Psychiatrist Staffing- As reported last month, we have successfully recruited a full time Psychiatrist. Unfortunately, almost immediately, we lost a couple of our part time doctors. We have begun a variety of efforts to improve recruitment and retention including getting our HPSA score raised to 19 which allows doctors to get student loan repayment, developing a recruitment brochure, advertising with APA, raising the salary and hiring other prescribers such as Nurse Practitioners.

MHSA Housing Project- The ribbon cutting ceremony will be Tuesday, June 27th at 9am. You are all invited to participate.

MHSA 3 year plan-We have had to re-issue six of the eight MHSA RFPs due to the fact that only one vendor applied for each. Our Board of Supervisors want to make sure we have a competitive RFP process for all bids to ensure the highest quality, lowest cost providers.

Public Guardian transition- We conducted a salary survey of conservatorship officers in other counties and found that we were well below the mean in terms of pay. The BOS has approved an increase in salary range for these positions which should help us with recruitment and retention.

Proposition 47 Grant- In February 2017, staff submitted an application to the Board of State and Community Corrections for Proposition 47 grant funding. Yolo County was one of the 23 projects that the Committee is recommending for funding. Yolo's project proposes to use approximately \$6 million in Proposition 47 grant funds (over a 38 month period) to expand Yolo County's existing continuum of criminal justice diversion programs. Specifically, the proposed project will provide wraparound services to individuals who are eligible for a diversion program, but are unlikely to succeed without intensive supports due to their history of mental health issues and/or substance use disorders.

Budget Update- On June 13th, the Board of Supervisors approved the County's budget for 2017-2018 fiscal year. HHSA continues to have the largest budget within the county, comprising almost 40% of revenues, expenditures and personnel. HHSA's budget was addressed specifically at the budget hearing for these reasons. The \$4.5 million deficit in behavioral health was discussed in addition to the plans for the new Crisis Management services for the coming fiscal year.

Davis Site- In addition to the new wellness center at the Davis site, we are discussing a re-design of the existing mental health clinic and how to incorporate that with the wellness center re-model.

Maddy Funds- There is a set of funds associated with our EMS agency that are tied to traffic fines. One of the pots of money locally has grown substantially and is tied to filling a void in emergency departments. We have met with Dignity and Sutter and are proposing to give them each \$250,000 per year for three years to hire two Nurse Practitioners that will assist at the Mental Health Urgent Care and divert emergency room usage by those in mental health crisis.