

Mental Health Director's Report

December 4, 2017

CIP/SB82 update- We met with the City Managers from Davis, West Sacramento and Woodland on October 31st to share information about CIP and ask what worked for them and what they'd like to see adjusted. Taking this information along with what we heard from law enforcement, hospital partners, and other community partners our internal team got together and discussed funding available. Our plan is to issue an RFP in January that will provide for 24/7 crisis response.

Steinberg Institute Visit- On Halloween the Steinberg Institute came to Yolo County for a visit. The Institute is doing visits with several counties to learn about services, needs, and ways they can advocate on behalf of us. The visit provided an overview of services, the site, and challenges faced by various parts of our system.



DMC-ODS Fiscal Plan – On October 31st, we submitted our Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System fiscal plan to the Department of Health Care Services. We expect to have an approved plan by the end of December. Once we have the approved plan we will issue RFPs for all Substance Use Disorder services and initiate new/expanded services and funding in the new fiscal year.

Homelessness- HHSA has hired a housing coordinator to assist clients experiencing homelessness with navigating the processes associated with obtaining housing. Additionally, we have closed the recruitment for our new County Homeless Coordinator and will be conducting interviews over the next few weeks.

MHSA Coordinator- We have successfully hired a new MHSA Coordinator for Yolo County. We have successfully hired a new MHSA Coordinator for Yolo County who is scheduled to start January 8, 2018. Our new Coordinator joins us with experience that includes MHSA Program oversight, stakeholder collaboration, project management, and a passion for serving the community. He will report directly to HHSA's Deputy Mental Health Director, Samantha Fusselman.

Public Guardian Update- We are working with the Financial Services internal audit division to identify strategies to strengthen our fiscal and administrative practices. We look forward to sharing our progress with LMHB moving forward.

Words to Deeds Conference –On November 8th, I was asked to present at the 11th annual Words to Deeds conference. This conference focuses on creating a shift in the paradigm between criminal justice and mental health by fostering successful and ongoing collaboration among courts, criminal justice agencies, mental health professionals and government and non-government organizations. I was on a panel with the undersheriff from Stanislaus addressing what our medium sized counties are doing toward this end.

CBHDA Strategic Plan Retreat & Criminal Justice Committee-The California Behavioral Health Directors Association had their annual strategic plan retreat November 15-17. Much of the retreat focused on preparing for the year 2020 when our existing behavioral health waivers will be expiring and when we will have a new Governor in the state. Additionally, I have been asked to co-chair the Criminal Justice Committee for CBHDA.

MHSA 3-year plan – Several items from our 3-year plan are coming closer to fruition. Our First Responder Mental Health Urgent Care will have a soft launch in January, with the addition of Sutter Health Nurse Practitioners in the program by the summer months of 2018. This Urgent Care will operate out of our mental health clinic site in West Sacramento with planned hours of operation noon until 9pm, 7 days per week. Additionally, CommuniCare Health Centers is actively seeking a location in Davis for the Navigation Center. Finally, we are close to finalizing the location for the new Residential Facility, also in Davis, targeted to primarily serve adults on LPS conservatorship.

Public Health Accreditation- On November 14th, the Community Health Branch of Yolo County HHS was conferred Accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board. This marks an important milestone in a 4 year long journey towards improving the quality and performance of public health services and recognition of the incredible work to improve health outcomes by the Community Health Branch.

This journey included the implementation of new best practices (county wide community health assessment, community health improvement planning, new policies and procedures, a performance management system, etc.), the submission of more than 336 documents and a 2 day long site visit. The granting of accreditation status puts Yolo County HHS Community Health Branch among 11 other accredited health departments in California and 211 nationwide.

Stay Well Center - Woodland Community College and the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency are excited to invite the community to the Grand Opening of the STAY (Support for Transition Age Youth) Well Center, a new peer-driven wellness center on the Woodland Community College campus. The grand opening festivities will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the new wellness center located in room 744 of the Student Services building at Woodland Community College. Beverages, light snacks, and dessert will be provided to celebrate the exciting new partnership between Woodland Community College and Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency's Transition Age Youth program. Funded in part through Yolo County Mental Health Services Act funds, the Center is a space for all enrolled WCC students and transition age youth (16-25) participating in services offered by Yolo County.

IGT Plan - Our IGT spending plan for the coming year includes several initiatives tied to behavioral health highlighted below and aligned by strategic plan priority areas.

Health Outcomes

CIP (24/7)(\$380,000)

- Behavioral Health Urgent Care (\$200,000)
- Drug Medi-Cal/Stepping Up (\$60,000)

Integration

- Mental Health Clinic Redesign (\$60,000)
- Davis Service Center (\$100,000)
- Homeless Interventions (\$75,000)

Quality Improvement/Data

- Dashboard Software (\$73,000)
- Performance Management Staff (\$200,000)
- Health Information Exchange(\$45,000)
- Electronic Health Records/Meaningful Use (\$275,000)