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## Mental Health Urgent Care Grand Opening April 4

(Woodland, CA) - The Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency, in partnership with Sutter Health, is pleased to invite the community to the Grand Opening of the First Responders' Mental Health Urgent Care in West Sacramento. The Urgent Care is an exciting new initiative that offers critical services to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis in Yolo County, including crisis assessment and counseling, medication intervention (beginning July 2018), referral to appropriate community services and safe discharge planning.

The Grand Opening will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Urgent Care site, located at 500 Jefferson Boulevard, Building B in West Sacramento. A ribbon cutting ceremony will occur at 8:30 a.m., followed by a reception with light refreshments and tours of the site.

"This type of service has been a critical need in West Sacramento," said Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors Oscar Villegas. "The First Responders' Mental Health Urgent Care will significantly expand the local continuum of services for people experiencing a mental health crisis in our community. This new facility will offer a safe and appropriate service alternative for residents in crisis, for whom the only other options are often the emergency room or jail. We are pleased to collaborate with Sutter Health in this endeavor."

The program is designed to address the needs of our community members who experience a mental health crisis, especially during the evening and weekend hours. The Urgent Care is open seven days per week from 12:00 to 9:00 p.m., and offers services to people who are insured through Medi-Cal, as well as those who do not have insurance at this time. Services are available to those who self-refer, and to those who are brought to the site by a first responder, law enforcement officer, family member or friend. The multi-disciplinary staff team will include clinicians trained in crisis intervention, nurse practitioners with the ability to write prescriptions when medical intervention is needed (beginning in July 2018), case managers familiar with local resources and peer support workers.

Those interested in learning more about the Mental Health Urgent Care can contact the program at (855) 897-2033.