



COUNTY OF YOLO

Health and Human Services Agency

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Proposition 47 Steps to Success Local Advisory Committee Program Updates Thursday, December 26, 2018

Program updates

1. HHS
 - i. All program vehicles have been delivered – 1 sedan to be used by the housing specialist and 1 van and 4 vehicles to be shared by the CommuniCare staff.
 - ii. The Motivational Interviewing training was completed the end of the September.
 - iii. The ANSA training scheduled for November will be rescheduled for the beginning of the year.
 - iv. Training was held on Cal Fresh and Medi-Cal eligibility and enrollment process.
2. DA
 - i. There are currently three people participating in the restorative justice component of the program and two more scheduled next week.
3. Probation
 - i. Weekly intake/orientations have officially started in each city. Referred clients can drop in to these orientations for assessment and to schedule appointments with CommuniCare clinicians. Walk-in folks can inquire about the program and a new referral for any who are interested (those who may be eligible for services and engagement with S2S):
 1. 10am-12pm Tuesdays in Woodland at Fourth and Hope;
 2. 10am-12pm Wednesdays in Davis in the Hunt-Boyer building (Davis PD Substation);
 3. 10am-12pm Thursdays in West Sac at HHS Community room.
4. CommuniCare
 - i. A case manager and employment specialist has been hired since the last meeting; a clinician still needs to be hired. We are hoping to hire a bilingual clinician.
 - ii. Total referrals since beginning of program (May to Today) - 120
 - iii. Total referrals for this quarter (since 10/1) – 38, two have been re-referred
 - iv. 30 participants currently enrolled into the program.
 - v. To highlight a “shining star” of the program: Client A was transient in Woodland, staying at Freeman Park with her husband. Her husband served her papers for a divorce earlier this year. When her three children were removed by CPS, client A and her husband continued their heroin use. They had attempted CommuniCare’s MAT (Medically Assisted Treatment) program a couple times but did not succeed. When Steps to Success became an active program client A was referred to us. She immediately engaged and went into a residential program by her own choosing. She is currently going on five months clean. She is working to finalize her divorce as her husband is still in Woodland using. She has visitation with her three children

regularly and is working diligently to reunify. Currently, client A is enrolled and participates in an outpatient program, as well as works a 12 step program on her own. She is looking for employment as well as housing for her and her family of four. Client A has improved in multiple ways. She is our shining star and continues to reflect on her past and work towards staying clean for her and her children.

5. Empower Yolo

- i. We have received 24 referrals in total. And have housed 11 individuals in either single family housing, shared (transitional) housing and motels. Currently 11 individuals are housed. The rest have either have been helped with housing until they disengaged from s2s, didn't qualify for the program, or don't need housing as of now but rather in the future.
- ii. We currently have 4 units that are master leased.
 - 1. Two shared housing units that can house 3 or 4 people each - Merkley House & Citrus House
 - 2. Two single family units - Citrus Family House & Cedar Family House
- iii. We also have 2 Single bedroom units at Pacifico in Davis.
- iv. Currently we have one pending single bedroom apartment in Woodland for a couple that is currently in the Flamingo, and one pending two bedroom unit in Woodland that could be shared housing or family housing depending on the immediate need.
- v. We currently have those 2 of people in hotels in West Sacramento. And 1 has been referred for Motel stay while waiting for housing through the CABHI program.
- vi. The biggest stumbling block that we have encountered is trying to get housing that is in the participant's name. No landlord is willing to put the lease in a participants name if they don't have income, and they do not consider Empower Yolo paying their rent as income. If an apartment was in the participant's name and they leave the program the participant would be responsible for the rent. If they don't have a source of income, leaving the program would likely lead to another eviction.
- vii. Other services provided include:

| | Contacts | Clients |
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| Assisted with a victim compensation application | 1 | 1 |
| Assisted with completing application | 28 | 17 |
| cash layout | 11 | 7 |
| Clothing Closet | 4 | 1 |
| Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.) | 1 | 1 |
| Diapers / Wipes | 2 | 2 |
| Emergency Financial Assistance | 1 | 1 |
| Homeless, Housing advocacy/ support | 56 | 21 |
| Individual peer counseling | 20 | 11 |
| Other legal advice and/or counsel | 1 | 1 |
| Referral to other services, supports | 5 | 5 |
| Transportation assistance (provided by agency) | 5 | 3 |

6. Legal Services of Northern California

- i. LSNC holds outreach hours for S2S at HHSA in West Sacramento every Thursday 9-11 am and at the Davis PD's homeless outreach coordinator's office every Wednesday from 10-12pm
- ii. LSNC held one new legal education class at CommuniCare
- iii. LSNC is looking for another site to hold more legal education presentations (a 5 part series)

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Next LAC Meeting
 - March 26, 2019
 - 3:30pm – 4:30pm
 - HHSA - 137 N Cottonwood Woodland CA 95695 - Thomson Room #1600