

Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency

Mental Health Director's Report

February 22, 2021 (6-8pm)

- a) COVID19 update -As of February 17th, the County reported 12,341 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 181 deaths. Yolo County's COVID-19 daily report cases and positivity rate are on a decline. The County continues to be in the State's Purple Tier (Widespread), but the Regional Stay Home Order has been lifted. Our focus has shifted to a heavy focus on vaccinations and HHSA will update Board on doses administered at meeting.

COVID-19 Vaccine-we are currently in Tier 1: Phase 1B Ages 65+, workers in education and childcare, emergency services, food and agriculture. As of February 15th, Yolo County had administered 9391 1st Doses of the vaccine. For more information please visit our Dashboard on our County Webpage, here is the [LINK](#).

- b) RFP Schedule – (Karen)-Attached you will find the RFP schedule. FSP RFP. Street Medicine RFP, K12 RFP. [LINK](#)
- c) Crisis Now-We continue to participate in the Crisis Now collaborative with key management staff attending the Academy trainings and taking advantage of the weekly private TA sessions with RI staff. A list of crisis redesign considerations has been developed and refined during these TA sessions, along with the identification of our current County assets supporting crisis response. Currently, we are using RI's Crisis Now Bed Calculator tool to determine what other levels of crisis care the County needs to best meet all residents' needs, regardless of payor source.
- d) Pine Tree Gardens /West House-**Pine Tree Gardens**: The North Valley Behavioral Health (NVBH) Contract went to the Board a few weeks ago and is now fully executed. The staff have received employment offers and are now employees of NVBH. The operators will now have a full benefits package with health insurance that begin in 30 days. NVBH will continue to operate under current licensing and plans to submit application to have license transferred. The process will take a minimum of 90 days. The Board of Supervisors plans to do a budget review of NVBH in 6 months. **West House**: Escrow to close on February 26th. Once escrow closes, discussions will begin on next steps.
- e) Project Roomkey/Homekey-Project Roomkey continues to serve those vulnerable homeless clients in need throughout Yolo County. The County was able to utilize CARES funding to help pay for the services and motel rooms through December 30, 2020 which has allowed HHSA/County to repurpose grant funding into 2021 and carry the project at least through March. HHSA has applied for additional grant funding, that if awarded, could carry the project through June. The timelines could change based on the grant funding received and on the need for surge capacity as the pandemic continues. Earlier this month, we needed surge capacity for approximately 40 additional rooms due to an outbreak at a facility. With Project Roomkey online, we were able to quickly get folks out of the facility and into non-congregate shelter settings to mitigate spread.

As mentioned last month, West Sacramento has successfully implemented 1 Project Homekey site that has 40 rooms and houses approximately 60 individuals at any given time. This will be a minimum of a 5-year interim housing project providing another option for stabilization in the community.

Additionally, the Governor's budget included a request to the Legislature to have \$750M in funding for additional Project Homekey rounds of funding. With the request, he asked the Legislature to approve \$250M of it be for immediate use in fiscal year 20/21 and the remaining \$500M be available for a 3rd round of funding in fiscal year 21/22. Yolo County and its' jurisdictions are currently exploring options around this funding.

- f) Data Driven Recovery Project - HHSa is working to amend 5 provider contracts to help carry out the trauma component of the DDRP project that was referenced last month. Providers will be asked to conduct ACEs screenings on any probation involved client, and for those with a score of 4 or more, they will conduct a cognitive assessment. The results from the screenings and assessments will be converted into anonymized data and incorporated into a study funded by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. The study intends use the data to confirm the presence, determine the type, and establish the correlation between ACE scores and cognitive impairment.
- g) Public Guardian update Covid-19 and our Public Guardian conservatees: The Public Guardian team is working closely with all conservatees and their facilities to ensure that the conservatees are getting their Covid 19 vaccines. For our LPS conservatees who retain the right to refuse or consent to their own medical care, we are monitoring whether or not they are consenting to the vaccine, and if they are declining, we work with the facility to make sure the conservatee has been provided thorough information on the risks and benefits of the vaccine and has had the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about the vaccine. We do this to ensure that the conservatee is making an educated decision for themselves. We also ask the facility to continue to offer the conservatee the opportunity to be vaccinated if they change their mind. A majority of our conservatees are choosing to be vaccinated.

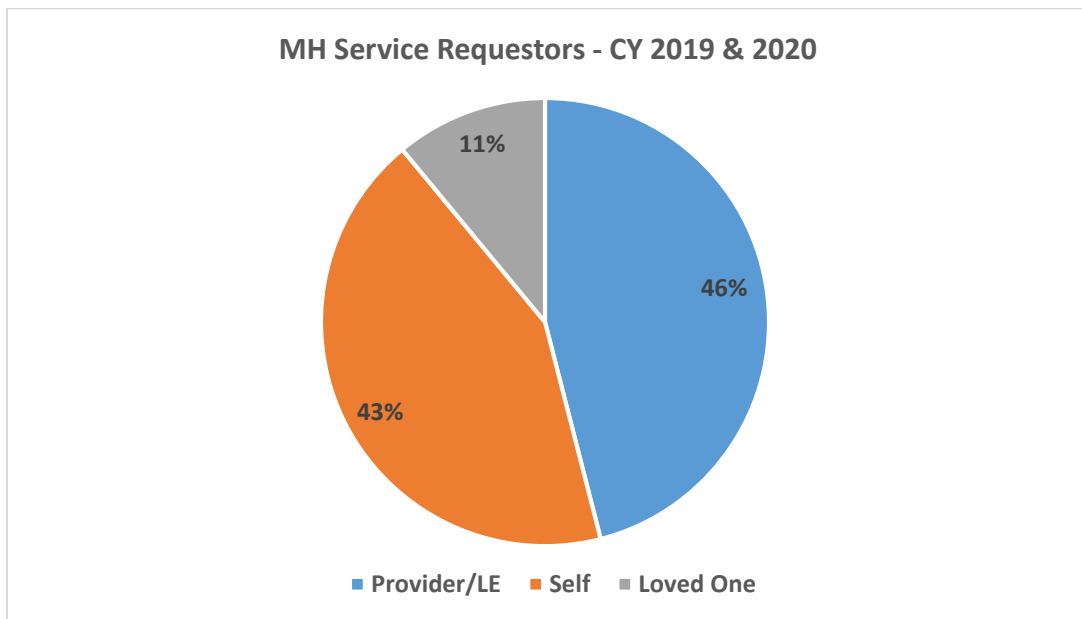
Since the January 2021 Director's Report, 6 more conservatees have tested positive for Covid, but all have had only minor symptoms or no symptoms at all. We have noted that fewer conservatees are testing positive, and with less frequency in January and February since the vaccine began being administered. We are encouraged by this change.

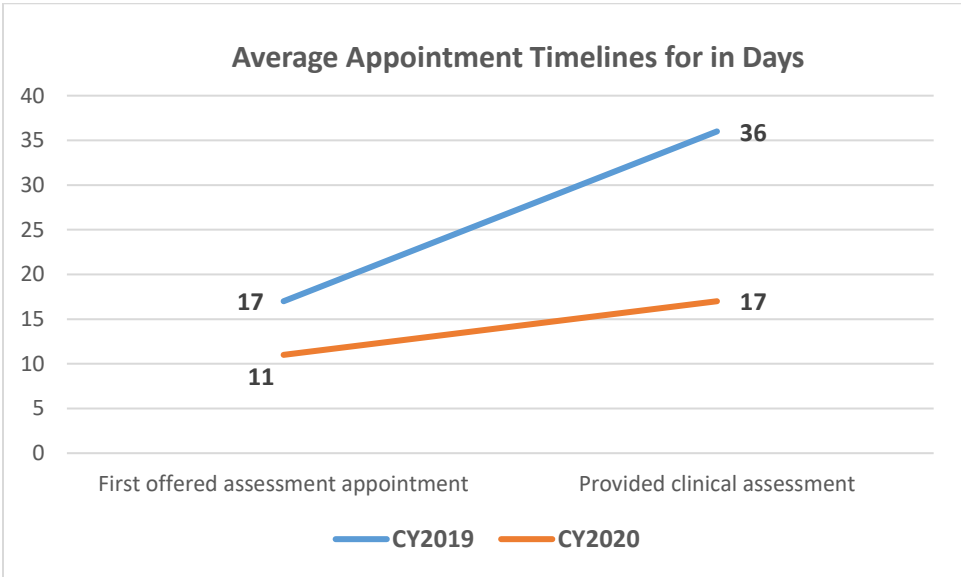
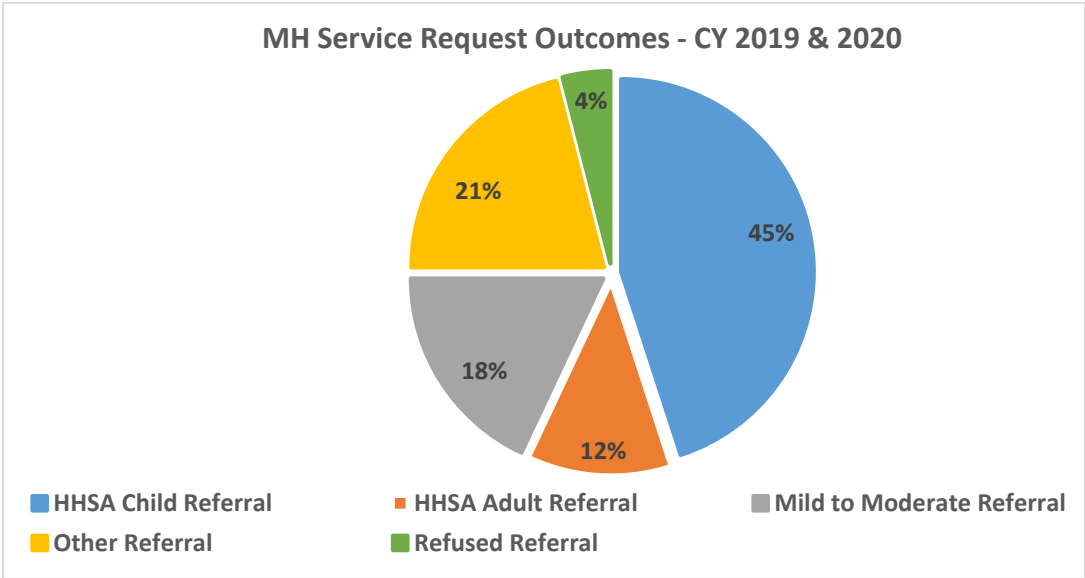
- h) Yolo Drug Diversion proposal-The Legislative Ad Hoc Committee is meeting with CAO's office, HHSa, Public Defender, District Attorney, Probation and other County staff to discuss the draft proposal from Assembly member McCarty aimed at providing treatment for SUD for persons facing prison due to crimes motivated by substance use.
- i) Department of State Hospitals Pilot Project - As referenced in last month's report, the Governor's Budget will include a Department of State Hospitals'(DSH) pilot program for 3 counties (large, medium, and small) to participate in local felony competency restoration. In anticipation of this proposal, the DSH team met with Yolo to assess our interest. The goal of this project is to reduce the

waitlist for state hospitals. There are currently over 1,300 people on this waitlist and the hope would be clients could be kept local, receive effective treatment and relieve pressure for the State Hospital System. The Department of State Hospitals will provide funding to local jurisdictions to develop a continuum of community based care that could include programs like Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT), contracts with IMDs for locked placement/forced medication, housing supports (Board and Cares, Room and Boards, etc), and staffing to provide the oversight and treatment components necessary.

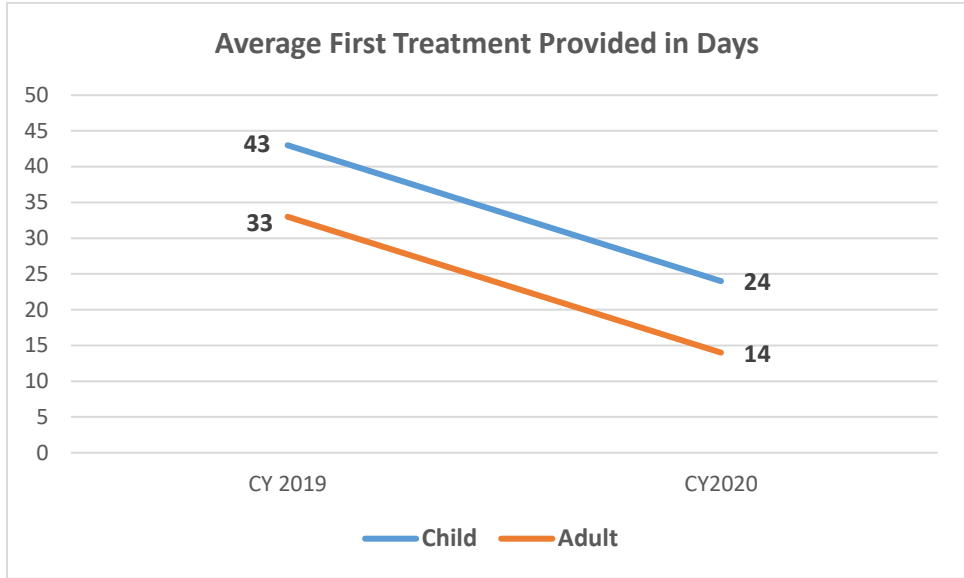
Yolo County partners and DSH have continued to have exploratory discussions of how this program could be implemented locally. All partners agree that this could be a beneficial program which would allow for more robust local treatment for felony incompetent to stand trial clients, significantly reduce jail time and the impact on the State hospital system, and most importantly improve client outcomes.

j) MH Service Requests in CY2019 and CY2020: **Total of 3,514 requests over the two CYs.**





NOTE: CY2020 improvement of 6 days to average first offered assessment appointment and improvement of 19 days to average first provided assessment from initial service request.



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