

Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency

Mental Health Director's Report

March 29, 2021 (6-8pm)

- a) **COVID19 update** - For more information please visit our Dashboard on our County Webpage, here is the [LINK](#).
- b) **Request for Proposal (RFP)** – Please see linked page for information on upcoming RFPs. [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 technical assistance (TA) sessions with the collaborative consultants (RI International). A list of crisis redesign considerations has been developed and is being refined during these TA sessions, along with the identification of our current County assets supporting crisis response. Currently, we are using RI International'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) **FSP Transition** – HHSA issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on November 19th, 2020 requesting proposals to provide Full-Service Partnership (FSP) Services for Yolo County Mental Health consumers. The estimated budget for this project is \$10,350,000 over 27 months to serve up to 200 Yolo County beneficiaries consisting of Transition Aged Youth (TAY), Adults, Older Adults, and Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT). FSP programs are designed for individuals who are experiencing serious mental illness (SMI) and other co-occurring disorders, who may be involved in the criminal justice system, are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and who may have a history of psychiatric hospitalizations. Services and treatment are community centered and patterned on evidence-based or best practice models of treatment incorporating principles of recovery from symptoms of mental illness. FSP programs provide comprehensive and intensive mental health services and employ a “whatever it takes” community-based approach using innovative interventions to help people reach their recovery goals. These services must be available to support clients 24 hours a day, seven (7) days per week.

As an acknowledgement to the importance of these services and this decision, staff convened a diverse seven-member review panel, including representatives from HHSA, Yolo County Probation, Mercy Housing, City of Woodland, the Local Mental Health Board, and a Mental Health Manager from Marin County. Yolo County received a total of six (6) proposals. After several weeks of review, and two scoring panel sessions, Yolo County issued an intent to award letter to Telecare Corporation and Hope Cooperative (also known as TLCS Inc) on March 1st. Staff have begun contract negotiations with each provider to outline their respective awards and hope to have both providers under contract by April 1st.

- e) **Project Roomkey/Homekey**- Project Roomkey continues to serve vulnerable homeless clients in throughout Yolo County. The total for both Project Roomkey & Homekey participant numbers have remained around the 200 mark with 68 participants placed in permanent housing. The County was

awarded new funding from the Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus Round 2 and is striving to have the program remain operational until June.

A data report was pulled on 2/22/21; it showed a total of 607 individuals have been assisted with over 65,000 nights of shelter provided and 68 individuals permanently housed. Staff also reported that 220 first doses of vaccines have been provided with many clients receiving their 2nd dose in the past few weeks.

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 as mentioned in previous updates. 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) **Covid-19 and our Public Guardian Conservatees:** The Public Guardian team continues to work with all conservatees and their facilities to ensure that the conservatees have the opportunity to get their Covid 19 vaccines. No more conservatees have tested positive for Covid since Feb 8, 2021.
- h) **AB1542 (formerly AB2804)-** Karen was able to meet with Assembly Member McCarty’s staff to discuss concerns with the bill. Staff assured that the recommended changes below will be included in updated draft. [LINK](#)
  - a. Any pilot project would align with Stepping Up resolution ensuring people with behavioral health conditions receive treatment out of custody wherever possible.
  - b. Felonies only included, no misdemeanors
  - c. Ensure adequate funding to support (Medi-Cal and additional funding streams).
  - d. Ensure charges dropped upon successful completion to improve outcomes such as employment, housing and relationships.
  - e. Community supervision would be provided by Probation not HHSA staff.
- i) **Department of State Hospitals Pilot Project** – 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) **California Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) 2021 Legislative Priorities-** CBHDA released their 2021 legislative and budget priorities. This comprehensive report includes an overview of CBHDA’s role and a summary of prioritized initiatives starting on page 4. [LINK](#)
- k) **Guidance for Behavioral Health Providers-** The Department of Health Care Services released COVID-19 Vaccine guidance for Behavioral Health Providers on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021. The guidance focuses on Frequently Asked Questions regarding the vaccine. [LINK](#)
- l) **Co-Responder Project FY20/21 Q1 and Q2-**

<b>CO-RESPONDER PROJECT</b>	<b>Q1 FY20-21</b>	<b>Q2 FY20-21</b>
Unduplicated Clients Served	79	52
Total Co-Responder Service Contacts	100	68
% Referred by Law Enforcement	88%	85%
% Referred by Self/Loved Ones	4%	3%
% Referred by HHS/Community Providers	8%	7%
% in Crisis	65%	69%
% Needing MH Services	32%	29%
% Needing SUD Services	2%	0%
Average Clinician Response Time	52 minutes	12 minutes
Average Clinician Time On-site	76 minutes	71 minutes
% of Clients NOT Placed on a Hold	79%	74%
% of Clients NOT Arrested/Taken to Jail	98%	97%
% of Clients Linked to outpatient MH and/or SUD Care	28%	46%
% of Client Referred to Homeless Services	7%	0%