

Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency

Mental Health Director's Report

June 28, 2021 (6-8pm)

- a) **COVID19 update** - For more information please visit our Dashboard on our County Webpage, here is the [LINK](#).
- b) **State budget** –[LINK](#)
- c) **American Rescue Plan Requests** – – [Flyer](#) for community input sessions. HHSA has requested funding for Crisis Now, Homeless services, Mental Health Outreach and Stigma Reduction, In Custody Substance Use Disorder treatment to name a few.
- d) **K-12 Request for Proposal (RFP)** – The K-12 School County Partnership Program RFPs were released on May 25, 2021 and a pre-proposal conference was held on June 4, 2021. All proposals must be submitted by July 9, 2021. The evaluation and decision process is anticipated to take approximately 3 weeks and the anticipated start date for the resulting contracts is August 27, 2021.
- e) **Upcoming RFPs** - Please see linked page for information on upcoming RFPs. [LINK](#)
- f) **Pine Tree Gardens-** North Valley Behavioral Health (NVBH) has recently corrected an unexpected issue with licensing and once finalized by CDSS at the State level with further the mission of the Save Pine Tree Gardens Committee and all partners towards successful long-term stabilization of both properties. As of Monday, June 21st all applications have been submitted for NVBH to acquire temporary licensing while the full permanent license review occurs. Pine Tree Gardens West house purchase was finalized in February by Kathleen Williams Fossdahl who has worked with partners to make several improvements to the home. Since purchase the home has new roof, a freshly painted exterior with new dual pane energy efficient windows installed throughout. Solar panels have been installed and will be up and running soon, current work is occurring on bathroom remodels that include new toilets. Additionally, they have also added new ceiling fans to each room for additional cooling. In a few weeks they will begin a landscape project with plans to add cement for the backyard, walkways, and shade path. NVBH has purchased a new 12x10 storage shed which will replace an older storage unit. Yolo County Housing is working with members of Save Pine Tree Gardens Group to select new flooring upcoming as the remodel and improvements continue for both properties.
- g) **Crisis Now-** Davis City Council presentation, City Managers, Regional call center concept [LINK](#)
- h) **FSP Transition** – Telecare and TLCS, Hope Cooperative have both began client transitions of existing Turning Point clients and approximately 40 of the current 78 Turning Point clients have transitioned thus far with all transitions finalizing prior to July 31st. Current HHSA served FSP clients will begin to transition to both Telecare and TLCS in mid to late July and it is expected that the transition should be finalized in late August or mid-September for HHSA clients. Both providers are currently utilizing temporary office space within HHSA while they secure their permanent Yolo locations and make

necessary tenant improvements in those facilities. HHSA staff are holding weekly or bi-weekly meetings with all providers and staff involved to ensure it is a smooth transition for all involved.

i) **Project Roomkey/Homekey-**

Homekey: West Sacramento continues to operate Project Homekey in partnership with Mercy Coalition, Yolo County Children's Alliance, CommuniCare and others to serve approximately 60 clients in 40 rooms as an interim housing option.

Roomkey: In May County staff presented to all jurisdictions and the Board of Supervisors highlighting that current funding for Roomkey would run out by June 30th and the County was willing to support any jurisdiction in continuing the project but would need a 50/50 funding match commitment.

Woodland Roomkey will be ending June 30th and as of June 23rd had 44 individuals in motel rooms still. City, County, Empower Yolo and Fourth and Hope staff have been coordinating on transition options to minimize the number of individuals returning to unsheltered homelessness as a result. As of June 23rd, it is anticipated that approximately 15 of the individuals may return to unsheltered homelessness while the rest will move to the East Beamer Way shelter operated by Fourth and Hope and some will move into permanent housing options.

Davis and West Sacramento have both committed to funding Roomkey at least through July 31st and will work with County staff around continuation or next steps on a month by month basis. County and City staff are actively working together to determine timing of Roomkey wind down in both jurisdictions and what next homeless/housing program options may be available as effective transition options for clients.

j) **Audits Update (EQRO, Triennial, MHSA):**

MH EQRO report – In March 2021, Behavioral Health Concepts (BHC) conducted the annual MH EQRO review as a desk review with a follow-up web conference meeting. Overall, the review went well and resulted in some actionable recommendations for the next FY. The BHC review team felt we addressed the prior FY recommendations around client access to care, sharing of quality management resources between the Adult and Children's systems, measuring adult client outcomes, developing therapeutic foster care resources, and tracking MHSA programs and data well. However, they also opined we need to continue to improve service timeliness and our tracking of it especially across contract providers, as well as our Electronic Health Record functionality, staff resources, and claiming. They advised us to continue to work on filling our vacant Cultural Competence Coordinator position. Additionally, they recommended we restart our Quality Improvement Committee meetings, begin billing Medicare, and trend aggregate client outcome data for all age clients.

DHCS Triennial Audit – In late May 2021, the state completed its remote triennial review of our MH system of care. Over the three-day period, HHSa staff from both the Adult and Child systems, as well as Community Health Branch staff involved in MHSA and Cultural Competency, attended numerous sessions focused on both systemic and clinical issues. Reviewers were impressed with Yolo County’s commitment to quality MH service and its well-developed and sound clinical assessments and treatment interventions. Our QM team submitted nearly 5,000 pages of evidence to the DHCS review team to the DHCS team’s for review. We are now awaiting the State’s final report which will clarify any areas of deficiency as well as an overall disallowance rate for our Medi-Cal claims reimbursement.

- k) **In Custody Services:** Given the statewide lack of availability for Department of State Hospital (DSH) beds, County, WellPath, and Sheriff staff have been working together collaboratively on two significant improvements for our felony incompetent to stand trial Yolo County clients. Medication for this population is often the most critical intervention towards the journey of regaining competency and stabilizing their mental health. There has been significant progress around involuntary medication implementation for this population and the Sheriff recently reported the first 3 clients receiving involuntary medication and improvements for all 3 clients. Additionally, County and Sheriff staff have met with DSH staff to work on finalizing contract language and requirements for a Yolo specific 5-bed Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) program in Yolo County’s jail. This program is based on several successful JBCT programs implemented throughout the State, would focus only on Yolo specific clients, and would allow individuals to receive competency training, involuntary medication when appropriate, and mental health support while in Monroe Jail rather than having to wait for a DSH bed which can take months. While a final implementation date has not been set, it is anticipated that this program will be up and running in the next 3-4 months.

- l) **AB109 Budget-** On June 14th the Community Corrections Partnership voted to utilize a percentage-based budgeting methodology moving forward. This budget option that the group chose allocates 25% of the annual AB109 budget to treatment. This more closely aligns with the County strategic plan, CCP strategic plan and original intent of AB109 itself. HHSa has submitted a proposal for several items to be funded via the treatment allocation including in custody substance use disorder treatment, a discharge planner position for those being released from custody and some portion of the Crisis Now Model. The DA ad Public Defender’s office submitted a proposal for mental health diversion that was approved by the CCP as well. [LINK](#)

- m) **Paul's Place:** On Monday June 21st, there was a Groundbreaking Ceremony for Paul's Place, Construction will start in several weeks for a new facility that has been a collaboratively funded project with the City of Davis, County, Partnership Health Plan, and Sutter Health. It's anticipated to open in 12-13 months and once opened Paul's Place will consist of 4 emergency shelter beds, 10 transitional housing beds and 18 micro unit permanent supportive housing beds.



n) DATA UPDATE:

CO-RESPONDER PROJECT*	Q1 FY20-21	Q2 FY20-21	Q3 FY20-21
Unduplicated Clients Served	75	52	164
Total Co-Responder Service Contacts	100	68	214
% Referred by Law Enforcement	88%	85%	86%
% Referred by Self/Loved Ones	4%	3%	2%
% Referred by HHS/Community Providers	8%	7%	9%
% in Crisis	65%	69%	74%
% Needing MH Services	32%	29%	22%
% Needing SUD Services	2%	0%	0%
Average Clinician Response Time	52 minutes	12 minutes	15 minutes
Average Clinician Time On-site	76 minutes	71 minutes	434 minutes
% of Clients NOT Placed on a Hold	79%	74%	29%
% of Clients NOT Arrested/Taken to Jail	98%	97%	97%
% of Clients Linked to MH and/or SUD Care	28%	46%	49%
% of Client Referred to Homeless Services	7%	0%	0%

*Data includes only Woodland and West Sac PD Co-Responders, as others were not yet deployed