

Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency

Mental Health Director's Report

October 24th, 2022 (6-8pm)

a) **COVID19 update** - For more information please visit our Dashboard on our County Webpage, here is the [LINK](#).

b) **ARP Rescue Plan Workgroups** –

- **Mental Health:** HHSA is engaging in further discussion regarding the funding that was allocated and approved for up to \$150k for a comprehensive countywide Mental Health Needs Assessment and to develop a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment mini grant program for the remaining \$285k in funding with an opportunity to match with up to an additional \$285k in MHSA funds.
- **Food Security:** No additional updates at this time.
- **Children, Youth, and Families:** The CYF ARP workgroup recently convened and received a presentation regarding the Yolo Basic Income Pilot, a project that seeks to impact the most vulnerable families with children under the age of six by bringing the family to \$1 above the poverty line. The workgroup was considering the possibility of recommending ARP funding to support this pilot project, which is in progress.
- **Homelessness:** County staff have met with City of Woodland, City of Davis, and HPAC leadership and will be bringing the final recommendations for Housing and Homelessness ARP funding to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday October 25th.

c) **CalAIM** –

On Tuesday, October 18th, staff from Partnership, HHSA, our hospital partners, and several community-based providers met to discuss the Community Support benefits of Short-Term Post Hospitalization and Recuperative Care. Partnership presented on the reimbursement rates and expectations of services in these two categories. On Thursday October 27th and Friday October 28th staff have meetings regarding hospital and CalAIM connections and the Enhanced Care Management categories of SMI and SUD to continue exploring these supports in Yolo County. Partners and providers are encouraged to connect directly with Partnership and can find more information [here and here](#).

HHSA's Behavioral Health (BH) CalAIM initiative workgroups have moved forward the nine required initiatives and submitted the first set of required milestones deliverables for the 9/30/22 DHCS deadline. The BH CalAIM workgroups focus now shifts towards the deliverables due in March 1, 2023.

d) **K-12 Services-**

We are about one year into implementation of the K-12 School Partnerships project. HHSA, in partnership with the Yolo County Office of Education, has been meeting with our school district partners throughout the county to discuss the successes and challenges of the implementation of this project thus far. A combined version of those presentations will be reviewed with the Local Mental Health Board on the time set agenda.

e) **Upcoming RFPs**-Please see linked page for information on upcoming RFPs. [LINK](#)

f) **Public Media Campaign(s)**-

Wellness Campaign- Advertising firm EMRL continues to promote the “It Only Takes” ([LINK](#)) wellness campaign throughout Yolo County. The campaign’s objective is to promote the well-being of all-Yolo County residents by providing local resources and reminders of the small things we can do to improve all aspects of our health. The campaign includes several ways to reach individuals in our community including:

- Outdoor Billboards
- Activity/Coloring books for school-aged children
- Wellness Activity/Flash Cards for all ages
- Social Media Campaign
- Educational Emails
- TV Commercials

Updates: A social media campaign (focused on Instagram and Facebook) has started and directs additional audiences to [Itonlytakes.com](#) ([LINK](#)). Additionally, the [Itonlytakes.com](#) ([LINK](#)) website now allows viewers to sign up for emails. Individuals who opt-in to signing up to receive emails will receive a weekly reminder about ways to improve their mental and physical health and well-being. HHSA staff will continue monthly meetings with EMRL until the end of the calendar year.

Overdose Awareness/Prevention- HHSA and CommuniCare staff continue to partner on several pieces of this campaign including planning an upcoming event with tables for different providers and partners to share resources and raise awareness. HHSA received approval from County procurement recently to purchase fentanyl strips and will be working with various internal and external teams to distribute those upcoming. Additionally, staff have worked with Uptown Studios to create an ongoing media and awareness campaign around fentanyl, overdose in general, harm reduction approaches, and how to access care. The scope of that work will include 2-3 animated videos in English and Spanish that can be shared broadly and will be posted on the HHSA’s website

- Partner toolkit that will include talking points, social media posts, and other materials to distribute to providers in English and Spanish to schools, migrant centers, housing programs, rural communities, and more partners are being identified currently
- Marketing materials including flyers, postcards, giveaway items, Eblasts, stickers, informing/education materials on where to find support, resources, Narcan, and testing strips

In recent months there has also been a lot of interest in exploring partnerships with school districts in Yolo County and HHSA has taken several approaches to partnership with them in this work, especially after the CDPH press release about rainbow fentanyl, <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/sapb/Pages/Rainbow-Fentanyl-Alert.aspx>. Staff have met with Yolo County Office of Education to explore having Narcan on campus. Dr Sisson has been working with multiple schools to sign as a licensed provider so they can access Narcan for their campus and so far it includes:

- Brideway Island Elementary in West Sacramento
- Washington Middle College High School in West Sacramento
- Yolo High in West Sacramento

Additionally, our Friday Night Live team has created two videos that will play before every movie at the State theater in Woodland on the following dates:

- The Opioid video began playing on 9/23/22 and will continue through 9/23/23, [OPIATES-BEFORE THE MOVIE \(canva.com\)](#)
- The Fentanyl video will play between 10/28/2022 through 10/28/2023, [FENTANYL KILLS-BEFORE THE MOVIE \(canva.com\)](#)

g) Crisis Now –

On August 30, the Board approved an agreement with Lionakis to work on redesign plans, anticipated costs, and construction timelines for the remodeling needs of the non-secure portion of JDF and the old Probation portables necessary for Crisis Now call-center, receiving/sobering center, and stabilization center operations. HHSA and General Services staff continue to work with Lionakis on the site remodeling work. While an exact timeline is unknown, Lionakis included a 7-month estimate in their proposed scope of work. Given this timeline, HHSA staff worked with the procurement department to cancel the current Request for Proposals (RFP) “due to a material change in scope and timeline.” HHSA and procurement will work on re-issuing an RFP in the coming months. We’re setting our target to launch all Crisis Now services for July 1, 2023, but we want to ensure this program is as successful as possible, and we will launch at the right time, allowing for completed construction, appropriate staffing hiring and training, communication to partners, and the community at large.

h) Department of State Hospital (DSH) Programs

The DSH contract administration is currently transitioning from the District Attorney’s Office to HHSA. All DSH referrals must be from the state hospital waitlist and determined to be incompetent to stand trial (IST). There is housing money associated with each client accepted into the program through December 2022.

In the coming months, HHSA expects to receive a contract revision from DSH that will take this pilot program Yolo has been operating and make it a permanent, ongoing part of our forensic system of care. We look forward to our continued partnerships with the DA, PD, probation, jails and criminal justice system and treatment providers.

i) **QM Audits/Reviews**

On August 30-31, 2022, HHSa participated in the DMC-ODS EQRO review by remote means. During the two-day review, two consumer focus groups were held, a group of line staff were interviewed, and contract provider management representatives were interviewed. This was in addition to sessions focusing on client care, access, service timeliness, and outcomes. The review team left on a positive note and we expect a draft report for HHSa review and input by the end of October 2022.

HHSa prepared and submitted the final Corrective Action Plan (CAP) response for the recent DHCS SABG and DMC-ODS audits that occurred on June 29, 2022. We are awaiting final DHCS response as to whether the submitted CAP is accepted.