

Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency

Mental Health Director's Report

January 23rd, 2023 (6-8pm)

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

- b) **CalAIM**—

The HHS CalAIM workgroup continues to work toward the completion of nine upcoming milestone deliverables which are due 3/1/23. In order to update our billing/claiming and client records systems and implement a properly working Health Information Exchange (HIE) system with local hospitals and providers, and Partnership Health Plan, HHS is meeting with SacValley Med Share (and HIE organization) on 1/25/23. Additionally, Quality Management (QM), IT and Fiscal staff are collaborating to ensure HHS is prepared for the upcoming payment reform and change in service codes expected on 7/1/23.

- c) **K-12 School Partnerships Project**—

The Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency (HHS) and the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) have been conducting presentations and engagement sessions with each of the five Yolo County school district Superintendents and their staff. These sessions have served to develop shared understanding of the K-12 Partnership, hear about the districts' needs and develop alignment for the future. Having faced ongoing staffing challenges in the first year of this project, the K-12 service providers have decreased vacancies and developed innovative strategies to serve students while functioning at less than full capacity. Several catchment areas have developed robust and engaged Regional Committees which include community partners and other stakeholders to drive decision making around service delivery in each region. Service providers have filled critical roles in each district to support districts who have also faced staffing challenges and vacancies of essential staff.

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

- e) **Overdose Awareness/Prevention Campaign**—

The SUD team are busily working with Uptown Studios creating content for the release of 2-3 animated videos around fentanyl/opiate awareness. HHS is also working on creating infographics, toolkits, resource/education materials, t-shirts and various educational tools. HHS is partnering with CommuniCare Health Centers (CCHC) in this process and will be updating the Yolo County Opioid Coalition website as part of this media campaign. Sean Erickson from CCHC recently completed a NARCAN training for both internal staff and external partners and the NARCAN supplies for those teams are being distributed along with fentanyl test strips.

- f) **Crisis Now**—

The HHS Crisis Now team continues to work with architectural and engineering firm Lionakis on design plans for the potential use of the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) and the nearby portable buildings for this project. Components of the original design plans are under reconsideration given limitations related to the buildings' current configuration and associated potential costs for completion. HHS is waiting for alternative plans from Lionakis before moving forward with an adjusted timeline and project budget.

g) Department of State Hospital (DSH) Programs—

DSH just had a recent graduate who is employed, living independently, and doing great. The team is now serving up to 10 clients after a recent expansion and have hired a Peer Support Worker who recently increased their hours from 10 to 20 hours/week. DSH enjoys partnering with Probation, DA, PD and all of our local partners. We thank everyone for this partnership!

h) QM Audits/Reviews—

Preparation for our upcoming mental health EQRO review is ongoing and QM has submitted all necessary documents and data to the review team. The EQRO review will be conducted remotely on 2/8 and 2/9/23 and will include an opening session presentation from our MH Director and a K-12 presentation from CYF Branch staff Dr. Mary Yung and Jennifer Edwards. The review agenda includes two consumer/family members groups; one for adult clients and caregivers/parents of child clients new to services in the last 15 months and a second for Latino/Hispanic adult clients new to services.

i) Full-Service Partnership (FSP) Transition—

All FSP clients have been transferred from Telecare to Hope Cooperative, as of 1/12/2023. This transition occurred over the course of four weeks, during which 25 clients were transferred and engaged by the new provider each week. Most of the clients have been seen for their initial psychiatric appointments, with HHSa providing support towards this end through one of our internal psychiatric staff. HHSa has continued to provide staff support to both Mercy West Beamer and Mercy West Capitol Housing placements, in the form of case managers to provide continued housing support, as Hope Cooperative continues to onboard their newly hired housing staff. The contract with Telecare is now in the process of being terminated.

j) CARE Court—

Counties have started receiving start-up funding for CARE Court development and implementation from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Yolo County's start-up allocation is \$250,000. The County Administrator's Office (CAO), Public Defender, District Attorney and HHSa held the first planning session regarding CARE Court implementation on December 2nd. More robust local planning will begin in early 2023.

k) MHSA 3-Year Planning Process—

The Yolo County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) 3 Year Community Planning Process (CPP) is currently convening listening sessions to collect information from key stakeholders, community partners and residents to help inform priority areas. This process is being modeled around the previous 3-year expansive community engagement process. Please visit the MHSA website (www.yolocounty.org/mhsa) to subscribe for e-notifications to get the latest MHSA updates, events & meeting information delivered to your inbox.