

Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency

Mental Health Director's Report

March 27th, 2023 (6-8pm)

a) **CalAIM—**

HHSA Leadership gave a CalAIM presentation to the BOS on March 7, 2023, providing an update on the eight Behavioral Health milestones HHSA is working on, the status of HHSA implementation of these mandated changes, and the implications of the upcoming payment reform components as of July 1, 2023.

On March 16th, HHSA Leadership provided a presentation to contracted providers at the quarterly PSWG meeting, focusing on payment reform, the County's deliverables, and progress in preparation for the July 2023 changes. Contracted providers were asked to complete and return CalMHSA-developed Budget Template tools for each outpatient BH program they have in Yolo County. The data from these tools will inform HHSA's upcoming Medi-Cal reimbursement rate negotiations for FY23/24 contracts. Rates will be set based on Yolo's state reimbursement rates and informed by contractor-reported true program costs instead of controlled by cost settlement processes (as happens now)- this is a significant change.

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

At the Washington Unified School District and County 2x2 meeting, Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) shared updates on the K-12 School Partnerships Project and the "It Only Takes" outreach campaign. It was highlighted that the community-based service provider in Washington Unified, has significantly expanded services in the 2022-23 school year, specifically increasing their clinical staff to provide more Tier III services to students. They have maintained a substantial offering of Tier I and II services, providing assemblies and social and emotional learning groups to support students across all the campuses.

The activity books and flash cards developed through the "It Only Takes" outreach campaign were distributed to all five school districts. The books and cards are being used by school counselors as well as distributed by teachers for students to use at home. In one district, they are distributing the materials for students to take home over the upcoming spring break, following an in-class exercise on mindfulness. The flash cards are being used with students as well as by staff to promote mindfulness and conversations about self-care.

The K-12 School Partnerships Project is comprised of four geographic catchment areas, each served by a single contract for services. This structure was detailed in the MHSSA grant to support local control over the implementation and delivery of services. As the partnership has grown and services scaled, there have been adjustments to service delivery in each region based on a district's needs and capacity. At its inception, the Woodland Catchment Area included both the Woodland Joint Unified School District and the Yolo County Office of Education. Due to the differences in the needs between the two educational agencies the decision has been made to have the agencies served by separate contracts. The Yolo County Office of Education will continue to be served by CommuniCare Health Centers and a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be released to procure a new community-based provider to serve WJUSD estimated to begin July 1, 2023.

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

RFP Title	Release/Anticipated Release Date	End Date
Jail/JDF Behavioral Health and Medical Services	3/2/23	4/13/23 3pm
Substance Use Disorder Adult Continuum of Care	3/3/23	5/5/23 4pm
K-12 School Partnerships Program- WJUSD	3/30/23 (approx.)	TBD
High Tech Call Center (Crisis Now Phase I)	April 2023	TBD
Crisis Residential	April 2023	TBD
Professional Support Services-Mental Health Services Program (MHSA)	April 2023	TBD

- d) **Crisis Now**—

The HHS Crisis Now team is preparing an update to come to the Board of Supervisors, the Local Mental Health Board, and other stakeholders in April that will unveil a reimagined approach to implementing the essential components of the Crisis Now model- someone to call, someone to come, and somewhere to go. This will involve a shift to a phased approach to the full Crisis Now implementation. HHS is working with the RI International, the developers of the Crisis Now model, for technical assistance during this process. This phased approach is expected to offer additional opportunities for collaboration and may provide funding stability should the planned 3-year pilot prove valuable to the community.

- e) **QM Audits/Reviews**—

The Quality Management team has had several vacancies for an extended period and are thrilled to have onboarded a new Office Support Specialist who started on March 13th and will welcome a new Administrative Services Analyst on April 24th. QM is currently working on the DMC SABG audit and both the adult and children's system of care have begun their utilization review. Additionally, they are working with the Department of Health Care Services regarding changes to the triennial review process and will begin submitted charts for their informal review (DHCS Technical Assistance Review - Yolo County).

- f) **MHSA 3-Year Planning Process**—

The current stage of the MHSA community planning process is focused on compiling and summarizing the extensive community feedback collected which includes thirty-two (32) listening sessions involving close to 500 participants. This broad feedback will help inform and develop the priority areas for the MHSA 3-Yr. Plan for 2023-2026. General themes that arose from these sessions and feedback include understanding eligibility for and connecting to services, prevention and early intervention services- particularly in regard to early childhood and youth, significant needs related to housing, workforce challenges and impacts to service delivery, stigma reduction and communication/social media presence, Crisis Now, expansion of K-12 project, LGBTQIA+ support, and partnership with and training of law enforcement.

Concurrently, HHS staff are working to review and align funds to develop a preliminary plan framework. The intent will be to report out a high-level summary to community and LMHB in April for feedback. The final stage will focus on plan creation and final review of a draft, public comment, and public hearing. This process will be reviewed by the Local Mental Health Board and presented to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors for approval. 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.