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Memorandum

To: Local Behavioral Health Advisory Boards (MHAB/ADAB)
From: Emery Cowan, LPCC, LMHC- Chief Deputy, BH Director
Date: March 8, 2023
RE: Monthly report of significant issues

This report is shared across advisory boards on a monthly or at least quarterly frequency. Any questions can be sent to ecowan@solanocounty.com

Youth Suicide Prevention Reporting and Crisis Response Pilot Program - Solano County was invited by the California Department of Public Health, Injury and Violence Prevention Branch ([CDPH/IVPB](#)) recently to discuss the Youth Suicide Prevention Reporting and Crisis Response Pilot Program. This Pilot Program goes through June 2025 and is intended to develop and test models for activities related to (1) rapid reporting and (2) comprehensive crisis response at the local level related to youth suicide and suicide attempts in youth 25 and under. Solano accepted to join and participate in the Pilot Program offering \$2,074,074 to fund activities in our county across Behavioral and Public Health Divisions. We will share more information soon.

Safety and Justice Challenge IMPACT Award - Solano BH was invited to apply and awarded participation in the national John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC): [the IMPACT Network](#). Through Policy Research, Inc. (PRI), selected communities interested in participating in this 2-year behavioral health focused expansion of the SJC will engage in a peer-to-peer learning model to accelerate behavioral health reform and diversion across the criminal legal/criminal justice system, with an emphasis on local jails, and a commitment to pursue community-driven race-conscious solutions to reduce harm to populations overrepresented in, or disparately impacted by, the criminal legal system. The SJC IMPACT Network has been active since 2021, with a "Cohort 1" group of 11 jurisdictions: Eau Claire County (WI), West Texas Centers/Howard County (TX), San Juan County (NM), Middlesex County (MA), Orange County (CA), the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (TX), Allegheny County (PA), East Baton Rouge (LA), Charleston County (SC), Milwaukee County (WI), and Pennington County (SD). Through the IMPACT Network, Solano BH will continue to focus on reducing over-incarceration of persons with behavioral health needs, engaging our courts and jails, and receive:

- Specific data-guided TA with PRI and other national experts and SJC partners;
- A facilitated Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) workshop to build cross-system collaboration and establish priorities;
- A peer-to-peer learning community series of virtual convenings with a group of diverse sites also implementing systemic behavioral health and criminal legal system reforms;
- Opportunities to showcase "what works" (via webinars, product development, etc.); and integration into the larger SJC Network, including access to resources developed over the last seven years of the initiative

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Workforce Crisis- BH has 41 current vacancies as of 3/8/23 (8 in hiring process which takes about 3-4 months). We now have three critical leadership vacancies: our Adult Administrator, Deputy Director, and now MHSA Coordinator (MH Services Manager) position; the other critical vacancies continue to be in direct services. We continue to need HR assistance in updating classifications and salaries to ensure there is parity with competitors and growing demand. We ask that our boards share our openings via the job posting link: <https://jobapscloud.com/solano/> .

Substance Use Providers- we received an updated list of all services contracted through Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) for substance use services under the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) waiver’s regional model. This means that anyone needing SUD services in Solano can access any of the vendors on this list directly or by calling Carelon Behavioral Health (formally known as Beacon) at (855) 765-9703 and they will assess for eligibility- pls share:

<http://www.partnershiphp.org/Providers/BehavioralHealth/Documents/Printable%20Provider%20Resources.pdf>

Mobile Crisis Team- The Pacific Clinics team has hired 1 clinician and another staff (establishing licensure) who will work with their team and upon onboarding, will establish hours to reestablish the services. In order to do this well, we will consider another tiered approach for implementation starting with Fairfield and branching out as staffing increases. In the next few months, we will have to work to meet the new requirements set forth in the BH Information Notice [draft](#) shared by the state that will require all counties to offer mobile crisis as an entitlement benefit.

- Law Enforcement updates: There have been no new updates on the Vallejo IHART team. Fairfield and Vacaville PD contacting us requesting the service; considering if they need to do their own version in the interim.

Solano House (Beck MH Facility) Updates- The vendor is now licensed under Facility Number: 486804139, see other CCL info here:

<https://www.ccl.dss.ca.gov/carefacilitysearch/FacDetail/486804139>

Referrals are starting to come in and the team is working on reviewing packets and ensuring client eligibility based on beds/criteria. Ole Health is generously offering a primary care provider to help expedite “physicians reports” needed for intakes. Clients will begin to move in one by one, some who are moving down from IMDs (locked facilities) will take a little longer to transition. The BH team is working with the vendor, Y3C, on all processes and policies.

Newsletter- You can review past and current issues [here](#) and anyone in the community can go to our website and sign up to get future emails <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/bh/default.asp>. Contractors who have MH/SUD related news, events, & trainings that they’d like to be shared, can contact us at bhinfo@solanocounty.com

Forensic Referrals-

February 2023 FORENSIC TRIAGE TEAM Referral Breakdown			
MH Diversion	MH Court	MH Services	AOT
7	1	10	0
Total: 18			

**January 2023
FORENSIC TRIAGE TEAM
Referral Breakdown**

MH Diversion	MH Court	MH Services	AOT
2	2	9	0
Total: 13			