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Solano County Behavioral Health and Uplift Family Services Expand Successful Community-Based Mobile Crisis Services

VALLEJO, CA, November 1, 2021 – <u>Uplift Family Services</u> and <u>Solano County Behavioral Health</u> are pleased to announce the expansion of their Mobile Crisis Response Program in Solano County in partnership with the Vallejo Police Department and Benicia Police Department. The <u>program was initially launched</u> in May of 2021 in Fairfield and Suisun City.

Uplift Family Services has expanded the program to the cities of Vallejo and Benicia and will receive dispatch calls to provide crisis response services through the local police departments. This service is available from 11AM-10PM, Monday through Friday, but will extend to 7 days per week coverage upon full implementation. A phone number for community members to access will be coming soon. Thanks to the success already experienced, the program will continue to grow over the next several months. The goal is to provide services throughout all of Solano County in partnership with cities and stakeholders.

Through a contract with Solano County Behavioral Health, Uplift Family Services has hired clinicians, case managers, and peer support specialists to go into the community as a team to support children, youth, and adults in crisis regardless of insurance or immigration status. The program mission is to deescalate high-pressure situations, link people to necessary services, and support the coordination of care with appropriate agencies.

In Fairfield and Suisun City, the team already is seeing an increase in collaboration between community members, police departments, and behavioral health programs to address those experiencing mental health crises. During the past two months, the team has responded to 24 community calls and over 50% of individuals have accessed our face-to-face crisis services. Prior to this pilot program, individuals were struggling to get support and navigating where to go during a mental health crisis.

Solano County Behavioral Health is proud to launch this vital program along with a new contract with Medic Ambulance to support community transports to prevent individuals in crisis being transported in a police car, reducing trauma. These long-awaited service requested by community members, persons served, family members and stakeholders, are funded by Solano County and the voter approved Proposition 63, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) as described in the Integrated <u>Three-Year Plan</u>.

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