

Director's Report to Mental Health Board – March 2, 2016

1. Clarification to January 2016 minutes – Questions regarding interaction and communication between the County Mental Health Division and Association of Behavioral Health Contractors (ABHC): The Behavioral Health Director has a scheduled monthly meeting with ABHC where the Executive Committee is kept informed. That meeting has taken place regularly throughout the last year and you have heard from the ABHC at this meeting on a variety of issues that are a result of multiple levels of communication. In February, 2016, both the Behavioral Health Director and the Department Director, Dr. Sherri Heller, attended ABHC meeting based on their request and provided them with a Q&A on wide ranging issues. ABHC members who attended expressed appreciation for this meeting. ABHC has made specific data requests and we are working on such requests. Every contractor has both a contract monitor and a senior manager who have interacted with them throughout the period that we were not able to fill the Division Manager positions.
2. Staff Appointments and Transitions: Two Division Manager interviews and appointments have been completed. Melissa Jacobs, LCSW, with focus on Children's Programs and Kelli Weaver, LCSW, with focus on Adult Programs have been selected and appointed effective January 24, 2016. Both Ms. Jacobs and Ms. Weaver are well respected in this community.
Staff Transition—Billee Willson, MHB liaison from the County is retiring at the end of the month. We wish her well in retirement with many new adventures. Stephanie Dasalla, Program Planner in the Division will assume that role for the MHB.
3. Grant Updates: SB82 grant in Round 5 – We are working on a Mobile Crisis Team application for two more mobile teams. These grants are competitive statewide – this is our partnership with LE. Grant is for capital purchases only; MHSA Steering Committee considered and supported treatment dollars to support these grants, if awarded. March 8, 2016 deadline.
4. Award of SB Round 3 application for Crisis Residential Programs (CRP) (3 grants awarded to Sacramento County) – Turning Point received the award for the Rapid Response CRP and the Co-occurring Crisis Residential Program. We did not get any applicants for the third CRP (Family/Community Focused CRP) so we will go back out to competitive bid within a week or so with a focus on Transitional Age Adults (age 18-30).
5. DHHS web page has posted the EQRO report as well as the QI Plan.
<http://www.dhhs.sacounty.net/BHS/Documents/Reports--Workplans/RT-EQRO-Report-FY2015-16.pdf>. Link sent to MHB.
6. Current plan is to take MHSA Annual Plan Update for approval to BOS March 22, 2016. All the planning, public input process has been completed and we have to submit to BOS. This is tentative date – please remember to check the Thursday before the BOS date for official announcement. Other items as well on March 22 may include update on adult crisis rebalancing efforts.
7. Significant work at State and local level various bills relating to children's system passed in last legislature. Examples – Continuum of Care Reform, Katie A Implementation of new services.