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TO: Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JUNE 2016

1. ACTION ITEM(S)

1.1 Acceptance and Approval of the Project One for All Implementation Plan Board Letter

On February 2, 2016 (14), upon the recommendation of Chairman Roberts and Supervisor Cox, the Board of Supervisors adopted Project One for All – a commitment to provide intensive wraparound services to all individuals who are homeless with serious mental illness. On January 26, 2016 (6), the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a series of recommendations to immediately expand an array of behavioral health contracts to provide services to this population.

Implementation of Project One for All relies on a coordinated approach braiding treatment and housing. To facilitate implementation of this comprehensive strategy, the County announced a significant organizational change of moving the Department of Housing and Community Development into the Health and Human Services Agency, effective July 1. This series of actions demonstrates a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of those who are seriously mentally ill and are experiencing homelessness.

In the launching of Project One for All, the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board within 120 days with the Project One for All Implementation Plan. Approval of today's recommendation will accept the Project One for All Implementation Plan.

It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that the Board support the recommendation to accept and approve the Project One for All Implementation Plan.

1.2 Behavioral Health Services Authorization for Competitive Solicitations of New Contracts and Amendment to Existing Contracts Board Letter

Board of Supervisors authority will be sought on June 21, 2016, for the competitive solicitation of new contracts and amendment to existing contracts to continue implementing and enhancing the delivery of behavioral health services.

The following services are to be competitively procured:

Adult and Older Adults (AOA): Services for Homeless Persons with Serious Mental Illness or Substance Use in the East and South Regions, and Full Service Partnership with Assertive Community Treatment Step Down Model of Services Countywide.

The specifics of these contracts, including the services provided and the actions proposed, are included in the Board Letter in this packet.

This action supports the County's *Live Well San Diego* vision, by ensuring that vulnerable persons with mental illness and substance use disorders continue to have access to a comprehensive continuum of behavioral health services administered through regionally accessible behavioral health programs. Contracts included in this item reflect \$7.8 million in costs.

It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that the Board support the competitive solicitation of new contracts and services, and amending existing contracts to continue implementing and enhancing the delivery of behavioral health services in San Diego County.

2. *LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO* UPDATES / SPECIAL EVENTS

2.1 NAMI North Coastal Newest *Live Well San Diego* Partner

On May 10, the Board of Supervisors recognized the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) North Coastal as Behavioral Health Services newest *Live Well San Diego* partner. A proclamation was presented to Sharon O'Leary, one of NAMI North Coastal's Board Officers, and Karen Godfrey, a Consumer/Peer Coordinator, who accepted the proclamation on behalf of NAMI North Coastal.

2.2 May is Mental Health Month Proclamation

In celebration of *May is Mental Health Month*, the Board of Supervisors presented proclamations to NAMI San Diego and NAMI North Coastal. The Board commended all community efforts to improve the mental health of County residents and declared the month of May 2016 to be "Mental Health Month" in San Diego County.

2.3 Live Well San Diego 5K

Registration is open for this year's *Live Well San Diego 5K* which will take place on Saturday, July 30. The County of San Diego and the San Diego Blood Bank have combined two great events into one fun, interactive experience. Runners and walkers will enjoy a scenic course in downtown San Diego while raising awareness of the County's *Live Well San Diego* vision. Proceeds from this event will benefit the life-saving work of the San Diego Blood Bank, as well as, San Diego foster youth. For more information and to register, please visit: livewellsd5k.com.

3. UPDATE FROM THE CLINICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE (CDO)

3.1 Staff Updates

- Caryn Sumek, MPH, has joined the Clinical Director's Office in the position of Health Planning and Program Specialist. Ms. Sumek is taking a lead role in the Agency's application

for a Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilot which is one of the initiatives of California's 1115 Waiver Renewal, also known as *Medi-Cal 2020*. The overarching goal of the Whole Person Care Pilot is to integrate care for a particularly vulnerable group of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who have been identified as high users of multiple systems and continue to have poor health outcomes. Through the coordination of health, behavioral health and social services, in a patient-centered manner, the WPC Pilot aims to improve health and wellbeing through comprehensive care and effective use of resources. In addition, Ms. Sumek is working closely with the Healthy San Diego health plans, which includes oversight of the County's MOAs with the plans, and is working on systems for behavioral health and medical referrals, case management, etc., to improve operations and linkages with services.

- Former Workforce Education and Training (WET) Coordinator, Anne Fitzgerald, retired in February after 35 years of dedicated County service. Former WET Analyst, Tim Nou, is now serving as the WET Coordinator.

3.2 Tobacco Cessation

The Change Agents Developing Recovery Excellence (CADRE) Tobacco Cessation Subcommittee, co-chaired by Shelly Tregembo and Diego Rogers, will be presenting their latest recommendations at the CADRE Quarterly Meeting on June 8 to be held at Behavioral Health Services Administration. An updated *Tobacco-Free Levels* graphic and recommendations for Fiscal Years 2016-17 and 2017-18 will be presented.

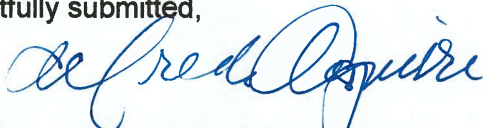
3.3 Interpreter Training

Through Behavioral Health Services' membership in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) WET-funded Southern Counties Regional Partnership, and our partnership with the Behavioral Health Education and Training Academy (BHETA), a three-day training for interpreters who work in behavioral health settings will be offered June 20-22. In addition, a one-day training for providers on how best to work with interpreters in service delivery will also be held on June 24. The training will be provided by the National Latino Behavioral Health Association.

3.4 HHSA Trauma Informed Systems Integration

The Clinical Director's Office continues to provide subject matter expertise and staff support to the Health and Human Services Agency's Trauma Informed Systems Integration Team. The team has drafted a report for Agency Director Nick Macchione highlighting initial successes and challenges in implementing the first set of action plans addressing trauma informed systems integration across policies, practices, language, environment and client partner inclusion in decision making. Once the report is finalized and approved, it will be shared with the public.

Respectfully submitted,



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