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TO: Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB)

FROM: Dr. Luke Bergmann, Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT – September 2019

ACTION ITEM: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT ANNUAL UPDATE BOARD LETTER, AUTHORIZATION FOR CALMHSA PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PARTICIPATION, EXTENSION OF MOU FOR PURCHASE OF STATE HOSPITAL BEDS, AND ANNUAL PAYMENT TO CALMHSA

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides funding to counties to address a broad continuum of mental health service needs, including prevention, early intervention, and system development, and to address the necessary infrastructure, technology, and training to effectively support the public mental health system. MHSA programs provide services for children, youth and families; transition age youth; adults; and older adults, with an emphasis on individuals who are unserved or underserved. The MHSA is comprised of five components: Community Supports and Services (CSS); Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI); Innovation (INN); Workforce Education and Training (WET); and Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CF/TN). Since inception, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Behavioral Health Services (BHS) has invested over \$1.3 billion of MHSA funding to expand and enhance mental health programs, and over the last five years MHSA investments have increased by over 58 percent.

BHS is in the third year of implementing the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan: Fiscal Years 2017-18 through 2019-20 (Three-Year Plan) approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 10, 2017. The MHSA Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Update (Annual Update) includes budget and programmatic changes to the Three-Year Plan. The majority of services listed in the Annual Update are a continuation of programs previously approved by the Board of Supervisors in the Three-Year Plan. As mandated by the MHSA, the Annual Update requires review and approval by the Board of Supervisors prior to submission to the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC). Today's first recommended action requests the Board to receive and approve the MHSA Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Update, which includes MHSA funding of over \$214.5 million.

The Annual Update includes \$400,000 assigned to the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to continue statewide PEI campaigns and local PEI initiatives, including *Each Mind Matters*, an initiative aimed at reducing stigma and encouraging people struggling with mental health illness to reach out for support; and *Know the Signs*, a media campaign designed to educate the community on how to recognize the warning signs of suicide and where to find professional help. Today's second recommended action requests the Board to ratify and execute the participation agreement with CalMHSA for the statewide prevention and early intervention sustainability (PEI) program for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and authorizes the Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to extend the term of this agreement in future Fiscal Years, if needed, if there are no material changes to terms and conditions. Today's third recommended action authorizes a payment of \$400,000 in FY 2019-20, and annually in future Fiscal Years as agreed upon in the Member Annual Program Funding Commitment, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Director, Health and Human Services Agency, in support of these statewide PEI campaigns and initiatives. Funding for this program is included in the FY 2019-20 MHSA Annual Update.

On June 20, 2017, the Board approved and authorized the Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute an Amendment extending the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Department of State Hospitals and the CalMHSA authorized by the Board on March 11, 2014, for the negotiation and purchase of State hospital beds for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019, and for the payment of up to \$23,000 annually to CalMHSA for operational costs incurred under the MOU during those fiscal years. Approval of today's fourth recommended action will authorize the Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to ratify and execute an amendment to the MOU for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and extend the term of this MOU in future Fiscal Years, if needed, if there are no material changes to terms and conditions. Today's fifth recommended action will authorize payment of up to \$23,000 to CalMHSA in FY 2019-20, and annually in future Fiscal Years as agreed upon in the Member Annual Program Funding Commitment, for operational costs incurred under the MOU, and subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

It is THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that your Board support the approvals and authorizations needed to implement the above recommendations.

ACTION ITEM: DRUG MEDI-CAL ANNUAL UPDATE BOARD LETTER

On March 27, 2018 (02), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the implementation of the Section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) pilot program, beginning July 1, 2018. The implementation of DMC-ODS provided an unprecedented opportunity to accelerate the integration of substance use disorder (SUD) specialty care with the mainstream healthcare system, to improve access to services and drive better outcomes.

The collective impact of the first year of DMC-ODS implementation is demonstrated through outcomes in three key areas: Volume, Clinical Quality, and Fiscal Sustainability. With the second year of DMC-ODS implementation now underway, efforts continue toward achieving full-system capacity by maximizing the outreach and engagement of individuals in need of treatment and support services; enhancing the infrastructure needed to support the effective

delivery of services; and continuing to engage qualified service providers to ensure there is a robust provider network available to clients across San Diego County.

Today's action supports the *Live Well San Diego* vision by providing a comprehensive and coordinated service delivery system to address substance use disorders at both the community and countywide level.

It is THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that your Board support the annual update to the Board of Supervisors on the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Implementation.

ACTION ITEM: APPOINTMENT OF THE BHAB 2020 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In September of each year, the BHAB Chairperson appoints a Nominating Committee of at least three persons to select a slate of Executive Committee Officers to stand for election for the upcoming year. The Nominating Committee is confirmed by the entire Board and will work to form the slate during September, for presentation to the full BHAB at the October meeting. This action seeks BHAB's confirmation of the Nominating Committee comprised of Bill Stewart, Che Hernandez, Mike Matthews, and Shannon Jaccard.

Action: Vote to confirm the Nominating Committee as appointed by the Chairperson.

LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO UPDATES / SPECIAL EVENTS

HealthRIGHT 360 - New Live Well San Diego Partner

BHS in conjunction with the North Regions welcomed HealthRIGHT 360 as our newest *Live Well San Diego* partner this summer. HealthRIGHT 360 transforms communities by empowering, inspiring and engaging residents to increase their self-sufficiency. Through integrated outpatient and residential programs, HealthRIGHT 360 provides re-entry services and undertakes other community collaborations with parole and community-based providers. The organization also provides community meetings and education conferences on Substance Use Disorder treatment. BHS welcomes HealthRIGHT360 into the *Live Well San Diego* family.

September 12-14, 2019 – Early Childhood Mental Health Conference

The BHS Children, Youth and Families system of care is hosting the 10th Annual Early Childhood Mental Health Conference September 12-14 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Mission Valley. This conference is a partnership with other County departments, First 5 San Diego, the San Diego County Office of Education, and other community and educational organizations. This year the theme is *We Didn't Wait-A Decade of Progress-A Future of Hope*. Attendees will hear from experts in the fields of early childhood development, trauma informed care, engagement of children and families from diverse backgrounds, and working with children with complex diagnoses both in clinical and school settings. More information is available at: www.earlychildhoodmentalhealth-sandiego.com/.

Saturday, September 14, 2019 - Recovery Happens

September is national Recovery Month, a time to highlight understanding and awareness of mental health and substance use disorders and celebrate those in recovery and those who support them.

BHS is proud to host Recovery Happens, a free, family-friendly event being held at the County of San Diego's Waterfront Park in downtown San Diego. This year's event has been expanded to include resources and services to support family members, friends and those in recovery. Exhibitors will be on hand with educational materials, employment supports, Veteran's services, financial and legal counseling, free HIV and Hepatitis C screenings, and other community resources.

Recovery Happens will take place Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will feature music, entertainment, food, fitness demonstrations and other fun activities. It is free and open to the public.

October 3, 2019 - Community Alliance for Healthy Minds (CAHM) Forum

The CAHM Forum, *From Hopelessness to Hope and Healing*, is scheduled for October 3, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The forum will be held at California State University, San Marcos and is dedicated to helping individuals and families lead happier, healthier lives through improved mental wellness. The theme this year is "The Power of Your Story" which will explore the boundaries of mental health through the healing power of storytelling. The event also features workshops and a resource fair. More information, including registration, is available at www.cahmsd.org.

UPDATES FROM THE BHS CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES (CYF) UNIT

Contracted Services Updates

The following CYF programs are scheduled for procurement. Industry Days will be advertised through BUYNET: www.buynet.sdcountry.ca.gov/ New contracts are projected to be effective July 1, 2020, unless otherwise noted.

- **CalWORKs Connection:** Provides behavioral health screening, referral, care coordination and connection to mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services for CalWORKs Welfare to Work Participants. Services are designed to support sufficiency goals by connecting participants to behavioral health resources and treatment services.
- **Dependency Drug Court and Housing Support Services:** Program provides onsite behavioral health screening and connection to SUD treatment services to parents who are involved with Dependency Court to promote the safe reunification of families through the connection to services. Housing Support Services are an integrated program component that provides case management and coordination of community resources to families experiencing housing instability to promote stability and the attainment of sufficiency goals.
- **Intensive Case Management Wraparound Services** are designed to strengthen families and maintain placement by keeping the child in the home, with a relative, or in a long term, stable family environment.
- **KidSTART** program addresses complex developmental and behavioral needs for children ages 0 to 5.

- **Sexual Treatment Education and Prevention Services (STEPS)** day treatment and outpatient services program for sexually reactive/acting youth.
- **Teen Recovery Centers (TRC)**, seven outpatient SUD treatment programs located in all County regions for adolescents ages 12-17 and their families. TRCs are also located within school sites to increase access and coordination with school personnel. TRCs will include an additional component of early intervention services. An Industry Day is planned for early fall.
- **Therapeutic Behavioral Services** program that provides critical, short term, one-to-one behavioral intervention services.
- **The Homeless/Runaway Shelter Beds** program for youth ages 12 to 17 is scheduled for procurement. The contract is projected to be effective in early 2020.

MHSA Innovation Update

The Center for Child and Youth Psychiatry (CCYP) contract was awarded to New Alternatives effective July 1, 2018. CCYP provides psychotropic medication services through office-based clinics and telepsychiatry. This program also benefits children with co-occurring complex physical health conditions. In Fiscal Year 2018-19 CCYP served 241 unduplicated children and youth. For referral information call (858) 634-1100.

The SmartCare: Behavioral Health Connect (BHConnect) contract was awarded to Vista Hill Foundation effective February 1, 2019. BHConnect provides telemental health services to children, youth, and adults who are high utilizers of psychiatric emergency services but are not connected to a current mental health provider. For more information about BHConnect, please contact Deborah Skvarna at: dskvarna@vistahill.org.

The Accessible Depression and Anxiety Peripartum Treatment (ADAPT) contract was awarded to Vista Hill effective March 1, 2019. ADAPT is a collaborative treatment model that provides mental health treatment and Peer Partner services to new parents and partners referred through HHSA Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) and Maternal Child Health (MCH) Home-Visiting program that have, or are at risk of developing, Peripartum Mood and Anxiety Disorders (PMADs). ADAPT is collocated with NFP and MCH at each of the HHSA Regional Public Health Centers, and provides Consultation and Training to Public Health Nurses (PHNs), in addition to participating in PHN Case Conferences, to improve cross-system health collaboration and competence. ADAPT has achieved early success by significantly exceeding the expected number of referrals received from PHNs, which evidences a strong commitment to collaboration from our PHN partners and reinforces the value of an integrated service model to address the holistic needs of new parents and partners. For additional information about the program, please contact: Kimberly Pauly, Behavioral Health Program Coordinator at: Kimberly.Pauly@sdcountry.ca.gov.

CYF Outcomes Measures Update

The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) and the Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC - 35) are the State mandated outcome tools for the County of San Diego Mental Health Plans effective July 1, 2018. The CANS administration expanded as of July 1, 2019 to children ages 0 to 5. Additionally, the Praed Foundation has updated the response options for the Potentially Traumatic/Adverse Childhood Experiences module of the San Diego Child and Adolescent Needs and Services Early Childhood (CANS-EC). The revised San Diego CAN-EC form is effective July 30, 2019 and available on the System Of Care Evaluation (SOCE) website: <https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/psychiatry/research/CASRC/resources/SOCE/Pages/CYFmHOMS-DES.aspx>

The SOCE website can also be accessed in the RIHS CYF Outcomes page: www.theacademy.sdsu.edu/programs/rihs/cyf-outcomes/.

Pathways to Well Being and Continuum of Care Reform

The Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) initiative is a comprehensive framework of legislation and regulations designed to improve the continuum of services that support children, youth and families. The CCR continues to guide BHS Pathways to Well-Being (PWB) and allows for close collaboration with Child Welfare Services (CWS), and Probation.

The following updates highlight recent work on PWB and CCR.

PWB and CCR teams in collaboration with the Responsive Integrated Health Solutions (RIHS) rolled out the revised Pathways to Well-Being and Continuum of Care Reform eLearning. The training contains updated information about PWB, CCR, and the Integrated Core Practice Model (ICPM). The eLearning includes the main components of the Katie A. lawsuit and settlement agreement along with a historical timeline; the core values and principles of the ICPM to be implemented across BHS, CWS and Probation; and other helpful resources. Members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) are invited to participate in this valuable eLearning in order to gain knowledge around both Pathways to Well-Being and CCR. This e-Learning can be accessed at: <https://theacademy.sdsu.edu/programs/rihs/pathways/elearning/> Please contact Edith Mohler at: Edith.Mohler@sdcounty.ca.gov who can assist with the registration process for the eLearning.

BHS PWB, in collaboration with RIHS, is in process of developing a series of innovative micro-learnings to support providers in PWB documentation requirements.

The Fred Finch Child and Family Team (CFT) Meeting Facilitation program continues to facilitate CFT Meetings for all three sectors, BHS, CWS, and Probation, and collaborates closely with team members in the scheduling and organizing process.

Fiscal Year 2018-19 summary of services:

- 2623 meetings facilitated by the program
- 2113 children/youth served
- 31 BHS programs accessed program for facilitation

A survey is completed by all members of the Child and Family Team after each CFT meeting. BHS and CWS work together to aggregate the data from the surveys from the previous fiscal year in order to outline strengths as well as training and technical assistance needs.

BHS PWB facilitates annual focus groups in order to provide a space for feedback about CFT member experience in CFT meetings. In Fiscal Year 2019-20, in addition to the focus groups conducted with youth and providers, PWB is collaborating with CWS to facilitate focus groups with foster parents through the Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) meetings. QPI aims to ensure every foster child is cared for by a family who provides skilled, nurturing parenting while helping the child to maintain connections with family. QPI helps in developing new practices to strengthen partnerships between foster parents, CWS agency staff and community members. Utilizing the QPI meeting format will ensure focus groups will receive relevant feedback from foster parents caring for youth involved with PWB services. Also new in Fiscal Year 2019-20, PWB will conduct

a focus group with CWS Protective Services Workers (PSWs) to learn about the PSW experience in CFT meetings.

The State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services (MHSUDS) Information Notice 19-026, released May 31, 2019, outlines new requirements for prior authorization of identified Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS). Prior authorization will be required for Day Treatment Intensive and Day Rehabilitation services as well as Therapeutic Behavioral Services and Intensive Home-Based Services (IHBS). BHS and Optum San Diego are working collaboratively to develop a streamlined workflow for the review and prior authorization of required SMHS and are anticipating the process to be implemented in phases between August 2019 and October 2019.

As of July 2019, eight group homes have been licensed as Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) in San Diego County. Of the eight licensed STRTPs, three have obtained STRTP Mental Health Program Approval from DHCS, and one additional STRTP has had a site visit together with BHS and DHCS and is awaiting final program approval. The following is a list of the eight licensed STRTPs and their capacity:

STRTP	Number of Beds	License Date
San Diego Center for Children	30	April 18, 2018
New Alternatives, Inc. #16-South Bay	40	September 9, 2018
Fred Finch Youth Center-San Diego	12	September 9, 2018
New Alternatives #1-Kenora	9	November 27, 2018
Casa de Amparo	30	January 18, 2019
New Haven Youth and Family Services	36	June 27, 2019
Circle of Friends	12	July 12, 2019
Milestone House	6	July 12, 2019

Three STRTPs have received Mental Health Program Approval from DHCS: New Alternatives South Bay, New Alternatives Kenora, and Fred Finch Youth Center San Diego. BHS STRTP contracts were amended for Fiscal Year 2019-20 in order to align with current DHCS STRTP regulations, including an intensive program model and staff training, and a modified unit rate to align with the contracting cost of DHCS required staffing ratios and BHS CYF productivity standards.

BHS and CWS have collaboratively developed an STRTP training plan that includes the foundational skills to address the needs of youth receiving services in a STRTP. The training plan includes Dialectical Behavioral Therapy and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for clinicians and Introduction to Motivational Interviewing for non-clinical staff. The training series will be available to STRTP providers through RIHS beginning in Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Other ongoing CCR activities include:

- BHS CYF CCR Team continues to offer technical assistance to current STRTPs as well as group homes that are planning to transition to STRTP in the near future.
- BHS continues to regularly join the CWS Group Home Contractors and FFA Forum meetings in order to educate and train providers around the requirements under STRTP and Therapeutic Foster Care.

- BHS continues to work in collaboration with Optum and CWS for CANS roll out to Fee-For-Service Provider network and implementation of CANS Early Childhood tool (CANS EC) for 0-5 population; both effective July 1, 2019.
- BHS and CWS representatives will attend the 15th Annual Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management conference in October 2019 to provide a training on the implementation of the CANS tool in San Diego and integration of conversations in CFT meetings.

Emergency Screening Unit

The Emergency Screening Unit (ESU) provides crisis stabilization services to children and youth experiencing an acute psychiatric crisis. ESU's team offers comprehensive screening services, crisis stabilization and facilitates inpatient hospitalization when clinically necessary. In Fiscal Year 2018-19, ESU screened 1997 children and youth in total with a diversion rate of 72%. The ESU is located at: 4309 Third Ave, San Diego, 92103. The phone number is 619-876-4502.

SchoolLink Update

SchoolLink (formerly known as Medi-Cal services) is a partnership between County of San Diego and local school districts to provide behavioral health services at schools. SchoolLink was launched in 2018 to implement standardized practices and increase collaboration between schools and treatment. Data revealed the need to re-evaluate practices and prioritize services where they are needed. As a first step, a minimum client threshold was set to warrant the deployment of therapists through SchoolLink. The implementation of thresholds is intended to be a collaborative process between schools, districts, SchoolLink providers and the County, to ensure services are deployed timely and efficiently. The minimum School Threshold is a deployment of a therapist at each designated school at least weekly and being at campus for a minimum of four hours per visit. More information about SchoolLink can be accessed at: <https://theacademy.sdsu.edu/rihs-schoolink/#/menu/5b1058975336621b30dfcd5b>

CYF System of Care Training Academy

The Children Youth and Families System of Care (CYF-SOC) Training Academy provides trainings to enhance the work of public systems in providing services to children, youth and families in San Diego County. Responsive Integrated Health Solutions continues this work through the Training Academy Committee, a collaboration of partners in the four sectors of the CYF System of Care.

In Fiscal Year 2018-19, the CYF-SOC Training Academy delivered training on Educating Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness; Family Compassion and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersexual, and Asexual Community; Sexual Health Conversations with Youth and Families; Partnering with Justice Involved Families; and Intersectionality of Identities.

Scholarships for professional development opportunities were made available to parent partners, family partners and youth support partners throughout the CYF System of Care to attend local and statewide conferences. Ten scholarships were awarded to peer support partners to attend the CYF-SOC Training Academy annual conference, School Safety: Envisioning Safer Schools. The conference was held on May 30, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Mission Valley and featured keynote presenter Mark Barden, Co-Founder and Managing Director of Sandy Hook Promise. Additionally, the conference offered a general session panel presentation, An Introduction to

School Threat Assessment in San Diego County by members of the San Diego County School Threat Assessment Team (STAT). Conference workshop topics included Restorative Practices; Safety Threats in a Clinical Office; the Preschool to Prison Pipeline and Early Childhood Mental Health; Meeting Early Childhood Mental Health Needs: Stories from the Field; and Start with Hello: A Youth Violence Prevention Program from Sandy Hook Promise.

Additionally, scholarships to attend the annual California Mental Health Advocates for Children and Youth (CMHACY) conference in Asilomar, CA in May 2019, were awarded to a member and alternate of the CYF Council representing the Caregiver of child/youth served by the public health system and youth served by the public health system constituencies respectively.

CYF Council

The Children, Youth and Families System of Care Council completed a comprehensive Strategic Planning series:

- May 13, 2019: Assessment of Psychiatric Care in San Diego County
- June 10, 2019: CYF System of Care Intersection with the Justice System
- August 12, 2019: Addressing School Threats Safety and Crisis Response

The multisector attendees participated in facilitated group discussions and provided recommendations on strengths, gaps, innovation opportunities and next steps. CYF staff is working on consolidating recommendations.

Children, Youth and Family Liaison (CYFL)

The Children, Youth & Family Liaison (CYFL) has the primary duty of coordinating, training, and advancing Youth/Family Professional Partnerships for CYF within BHS, collaborating with CYF administrative staff to ensure family and youth voice, choice and values are incorporated into service development, implementation plans, and overall CYF service delivery. The CYFL serves as the community expert in family/professional partnership and makes this expertise available to CYF providers through: the monthly Parents Empowering Parents support and coaching group, the monthly Family/Youth Support Partner Coaching meeting, the Quarterly online Family Youth Focus Groups, the community-based Family Voice meetings held throughout the County regions, presentations on children's mental health and well-being, the half-day in-person training called Working Together for Professionals, Peer staff, and family members desiring to use their lived experience working within the Children's System of Care, and the Principles of Family Youth Professional Partnerships on-line training.

The CYFL coordinated a successful 5th Annual Children's Mental Health Well-Being Celebration at the ARTS (A Reason To Survive) Center in National City on May 3, 2019 covering the SAMHSA topic: Suicide Prevention and Strategies That Work.

Effective June 30, 2019, CYFL completed the addition of SUD and DMC-ODS information to the three cloud-based Applications: Organized Support Companion in an Emergency Situation (OscER), OscER Jr., and Accessing and Leveraging Families' Rights to Education (AlfrEDU). These Applications provide behavioral health outreach and engagement services to all ages countywide through dissemination and training. BHS encourages all providers and advocates to download the applications and share them with the community members as resources. More information about the CYFL can be found at <https://cyfliaison.namisandiego.org/>

Family Services: Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System CYF Programs Update

New Entra Casa is a six-bed perinatal residential program that became a DMC-ODS provider effective July 1, 2019. Perinatal services are gender-specific, trauma informed SUD treatment and recovery services provided to pregnant and parenting women, with additional services provided that focus their dependent minor children. Issues specific to perinatal clients include substance use while pregnant, pre-natal care, parenting, and family violence. Additional services for the children include a mental health clinician who screens the children to determine if there is a need for mental health services, provides assessment and therapeutic interventions for the children that have screened to have an emotional, developmental, behavioral, or attachment needs, links children with higher level needs to specialty services, and works directly with the child and the mother on attachment and bonding.

Mother & Baby Substance Exposed Infant Initiative

On July 31, 2019, CYF staff participated in a kick-off event for the Mother & Baby Substance Exposure Infant Initiative, which is a grant-funded component of the California State Opioid Response. This project is a multisector, community-based effort to improve outcomes for mothers and newborns impacted by substance exposure, with a specific focus on Opioid Use Disorder. The kick-off event in San Diego was the first step toward a community conversation to improve education, awareness, treatment and prevention of substance exposure during and after pregnancy. This kick-off event included representation and participation from Perinatal SUD treatment providers, Opioid Treatment Program providers, CWS, Public Safety, local hospitals, and Public Health.

Key components of this State-wide initiative include: (1) Establishing a multidisciplinary taskforce of experts from across California to develop a toolkit for maternal and newborn care providers on perinatal substance exposure, with a focus on opioid exposure, (2) Implementing quality improvement collaboratives for hospitals in selected counties across Northern, Central and Southern California, (3) Collecting and reporting data to support quality improvement; (4) Mobilizing and supporting public and private partners across the state, and (5) Networking and learning from other states that have implemented the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) National Collaborative Opioid Bundle. CYF staff look forward to continued participation in activities surrounding this initiative to improve health and community outcomes for children, youth and families across San Diego.

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