

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND
RECOVERY SERVICES**

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.

CCAB AGENDA

5/12/2020

11-12:30

Virtual Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS

Board Members Present: Chandrika Zager, Alexis Wise, Cheryl August, Maya Gladstern, Gustavo Goncalves, Maria Abaci, Jessica Diaz, Jei Africa, Mark Parker, Kelli Finley, Laura Sciacca, Vinh Luu, Marta Flores, Sara Fusenig, Angela Tognotti and Jaime Faurot.

Guest Speaker: Liz Darby

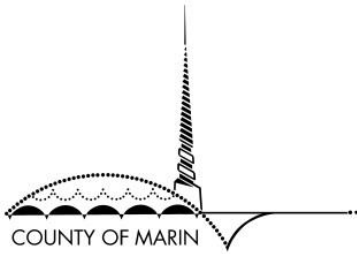
11:00am-11:25am: Welcome, Introductions and Announcements:

- Welcome by Interim Manager of Behavioral Health Equity and Inclusion/PEI Coordinator, Chandrika Zager
- Icebreaker facilitated by Jaime Faurot. Each member shared how they have been doing personally and professionally during the shelter in place order and now re-connecting again virtually.

11:25am – 11:45am: County Announcements:

Dr. Jei Africa, BHRS Director's, Updates:

- BHRS essential services are still in place.
 - Mobile crisis, CSU, Jail Mental Health, and Access are still operating at full capacity
 - Crisis Team / medical providers are available for locations in Novato, Kerner and Bon Air.
 - Odyssey, Impact and STAR are still in conducting field visits for emergency cases for the homeless in need.
- Planned services have mostly moved to tele-health
- Behavioral Health is providing a significant amount of the staffing for the motels and other housing arrangements for the most vulnerable homeless members of our community. All county workers are Disaster Service Workers County DSWs and are working in a variety of capacities outside of their normal roles



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- Project Room Key is also kick off in providing homes for those who are most vulnerable so that they can stay safe and healthy.
- BHRS outreach team working to get information out to community about resources and services through PSAs, written materials, radio shows.
- There is also a msg service to rolls out for every week for 5 weeks.
- Staff will also be supporting the TAY radio for Spanish MH and MH resources
- In addition, we also have support from YWCA in SR for MH for seniors.
- For non- medical issues, like employee and rental assistance, you can call 415 473 7191.

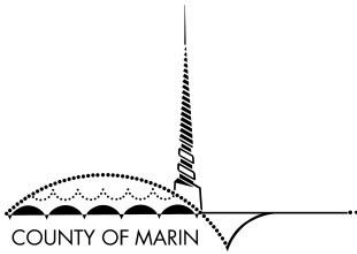
Position Updates

- The position of Manager of Behavioral Health Health Equity and Inclusion is now re-opened for recruitment as the first round was not successful.

11:45am – 12:30pm: Liz Darby, CAOs Office – Race and Equity in Marin County
Presentation and Discussion

Liz Darby:

- Cultural Competence -opportunity to view in a different lens. For HHS, creating similar connections/ advance the work that is in place.
- Workforce shortage. Staffing & large openings / with large turnovers/retirements.
- Kensington study show needs of diversity leadership (different lifestyle) at the table.
- The call for Race equity/ critical thinking -make good business sense
- Example: 10,000 pairs of shoes needs to be different shoes/different colors /gender.
Its different response to the need.
- Racial Equity in “Closing the gaps”
- Race determines everything for education and incarceration



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Angela Tognotti:

- Hotspot distribution for (web access) for 500 families for distance learning because of inequities in education, able to work with school resources/ family partners
- Project Home Key is able to help house 130 families who are most vulnerable
- Food distribution (to help provide 300 hot meals per day)
- Food Access/ Sausalito -hands to folks who don't have family members

Presentation in full here:



Discussion themes:

- Informative and necessary presentation and discussion on race and disparities
- Housing and racial disparities in affordable housing
- Xenophobia and hardships in assessing to basic food sustenance and housing challenges.

12:30-12:35pm: Closing

Next Meeting:

June 9th, 2020, 11-12:30

TBD if in person or virtual