



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**

8/11/2020

11-12

Virtual Meeting

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Members Present:** Chandrika Zager, Jei Africa, Jennifer Moore, Kaitlyn Motley, Jessica Diaz, Kerri Peirson, Claude, Hamaseh Kianfar, Liz Darby, Vinh Luu, Maria Rea, Marta Flores, Robert L. Harris, Jr., Sadegh Nobari, Ngoc Loi, Mayra Gladstern, Mark Parker, Gustavo Goncalves, Sara Fusenig, Maria Abaci, Markel Archi, Melissa Bermudez-Rivers, Jaime Faurot, Kara Connors, Veronica Alcala

**11:00am-11:15am:** Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

- New Manager of Behavioral Health Equity and Inclusion to be introduced
- Gustavo Goncalves wishes to continue with the CCAB as a community member

**11:15am – 11:30am:** County Announcements

• BHRS Director's Updates – Jei Africa discussed the impact COVID has had on the economy. A discussion of the reduction of funding, realignment of funds, Mental Health Services Act funds, and county general funds. With the economy being affected there will be a wave of Medi-cal recipients due to people losing their jobs and being in financial need. The county will have reductions in their budget. There are a few key principles being used to make decisions on where to make cuts which are:

1. Looking at the decision through an equity lens and the impact of the community both short term and long term.
2. Hoping to not impact positions where there is someone is already there.
3. Looking at contracts and seeing what is mandated and not mandated.

The reductions being proposed are being discussed by Senior Management and the final recommendations will go to Ken Shapiro and Benita McLarin for their review, the final approval will go to the CAO. These reductions are not temporary but permanent.

• MHSA Updates – The Public Comment Period for the MHSA Plan is now open. The link to leave a comment on the web form is: [www.marinhhs.org/MHSA](http://www.marinhhs.org/MHSA) . There will be a virtual public hearing during the Mental Health Board at 6pm on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you want a printed copy you can email Chandrika Zager or Galen Main. The PEI portion of the MHSA plan was approved by the Board previously and did an RFP process in the Spring. The focus of the PEI plan is on School Support, Services and coordination for newly arrived immigrant youth and on the implementation of the Suicide Prevention strategic plan.

Last week was the launch of the Suicide Prevention collaborative and next meeting will be the second week of September and an email will be sent out with more information. There will also be a start of community teams around the suicide prevention work with a focus on postvention, communication, schools, training and education, and data.

**11:30am – 11:55am:** Introduction and conversation with Jennifer Moore, new Manager of Behavioral Health Equity and Inclusion:

Jennifer came to the Bay Area from Los Angeles. In her previous job she was working with youth on probation and youth through the Department of Children and Family services that were in residential treatment. She used to live in the Bay area 10 years ago and worked at Seneca, where she started focusing on the system of incarceration where she started noticing the inequities taking place. In her spare time, she worked organizing around racial justice. She has been organizing with “Showing Up For Racial Justice”, a national group, for the past 5 years. In the last year she worked as a lead organizer on the reform campaign, which was started by Patrisse Cullors, one of the Co-founders of Black Lives Matter. She was able to help pass Measure R in Los Angeles County, and now it’s within local policy. Measure R helps reduce jail population and incarceration and granting the Commission subpoena power to investigate complaints. She is looking at how COVID is disproportionately impacting communities of color in Marin city, and looking at the communities and their relationship with law enforcement. She is looking forward to learning from everybody and seeing where help is needed.

- Topics group discussed:
  - Public Authority sending providers to work with COVID population
  - Looking at recruitment policy procedures to make sure that there is diversity:
    - Looking at implicit biased training at the table when doing hiring
    - Exit interviews and having a formal structure to gather that data to make informed decisions

**11:45am** ACES Power Point Presentation

- Presentation given by Jessica Diaz, ACCESS Team Supervisor

**11:55am-12:00pm:** Closing

**12:00pm** - Adjourn

**Next Meeting:**

TBD