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AGENDA ITEM : Presentation: San Francisco County Triage Grant Plan Overview
Presentation: Yolo County Triage Grant Plan Overview

ENCLOSURES: • None

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: PowerPoint Presentation(s) will be handed out at the meeting

Presentation:

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) will hear presenters from San Francisco and Yolo Counties on their Triage Grant implementation plans.

Background:

San Francisco Triage Implementation Plan

Presenter: Ken Epstein, PhD, LCSW, Director, Children, Youth and Families System of Care

San Francisco plans to implement **three** project activities that respond to critical gaps in their existing system of mental health crisis response:

- 1) San Francisco's current system does not have triage personnel or stabilization facilities or beds available to address the needs of young people 17 and younger. San Francisco Community Behavioral Health Services will contract with Edgewood Center for Children and Families to create and staff a new Youth Psychiatric Crisis Stabilization Center. The center will be home to a multi-disciplinary staff who will provide comprehensive, 24-hour assessments, referrals and stabilization services for affected youth in crisis and their families through a one-stop service approach.
- 2) San Francisco has inadequate crisis response teams to respond to youth and family psychiatric emergencies, particularly with in the city's low-income, ethnic minority neighborhoods and within youth venues such as schools and youth centers or to pro-actively address potential mental health issues among youth and adults through community education and outreach. San Francisco Comprehensive Child Crisis Services will collaborate with one or more culturally and linguistically competent, community-based organizations to form and deploy four new crisis triage response teams to respond to

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psychiatric emergencies and to work with communities to address and diver psychiatric crises.

- 3) San Francisco does not have a system in place to address the needs of adults and youth who are experiencing mental health crisis or emergencies but who are not actively contemplating suicide. San Francisco Community Behavioral Health Services will contract with the Mental Health Association of San Francisco (MHA-SF) to create and staff a new Mental Health Triage Warm line open to all local residents. The Mental Health Warm line will provide mental health information, assessments and referrals.

Yolo County Triage Implementation Plan

Presenters: Mark Bryan, Assistant Director-Health Services

Karen Larsen, Mental Health Director & AOD Administrator

Roberta Chambers, Psy D

In the Yolo county system law enforcement has few options for responding to crises, which result in over-utilization of the jail and hospital/Emergency Room. Current crisis services are not mobile and alternatives to hospitalization are limited after hours. With the Triage grant, Yolo County resident's who come into contact with law enforcement during a psychiatric crisis will be assisted by a clinical staff person during the crisis and a peer counselor will be available afterwards to provide follow-up. The program will provide critical mental health supports in partnership with law enforcement, to ensure that people experiencing a crisis event receive necessary supports in the least restrictive environment and avoid unnecessary utilization of emergency rooms, hospitals and jails.

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None