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Monthly Director's Report **AUGUST 2016**

1. MENTAL HEALTH LOAN ASSUMPTION PROGRAM (MHLAP)

The Mental Health Loan Assumption Program (MHLAP) has completed its FY15-16 cycle, with a 61% increase in applications and 41% increase in total awards from FY14-15. The Health Professions Education Foundation that administers the MHLAP received 2, 582 applications – the highest number since the program's inception. The MHLAP Advisory Committee reviewed and scored 2,117 applications and 1,528 were selected for loan repayment awards, which translates to approximately 91.8% of MHLAP's FY15-16 total funds distributed. Moreover, 1,468 applicants or 69% self-identified as consumers or family members of consumers.

For San Francisco, 66 applications were submitted, 58 were reviewed and 35 applicants were awarded. Congratulations to Sheila Marie Rivera (RAMS), Rosa Lutrario (SFDPH), Paola Johnson (Alternative Family Services), Kelly Fitzgerald (HealthRight 360), Anna Chau (Community Youth Center), Ryan Fuimaono (SFDPH), Priscilla Kyu (RAMS), Margo McMahan (SFDPH), Liliana Cortes (SFDPH), Karen Finch (SFDPH), Mona Tahsini (SFDPH), Chloe Demisch (Citywide Case Management), Elizabeth Ohito (SFDPH), Rosanna Tan (SFDPH), Scott Arai (Institute on Aging), Kelly Burns (RAMS), Deirdre Morrissey (UCSF), Alex Quintanilla (A Better Way, Inc.), Jeffrey Taylor (UCSF), Elizabeth Ren (RAMS), Jennifer Divers (UCSF/SFDPH), Sekayi Edwards (Westside Community Services), Ka Chi Kwok (UCSF), Peggy Kim (RAMS), Jamie Salas (IFR) and Edgar Viveros (UCSF/SFDPH)!!!

2. MHSA INNOVATIONS LEARNING PROJECTS

The MHSA department recently made a request to the state for the extension of three MHSA Innovations Learning Projects:

1. First Impressions – UCSF Citywide
2. Addressing the Needs of Socially Isolated Older Adults – Curry Senior Center
3. Transgender Pilot Project - DPH

MHSA received input from consumers taking part in each of these learning projects throughout the project planning, implementation, budget and evaluation phases. As a result, consumers identified the need for an extension in time and funding for each project. MHSA also identified the need for additional time in order to meet the objectives initially proposed in the state approved plans and the need for extended funding to learn whether these projects prove to be efficacious for the communities being served.

On July 28th 2016, MHSA, project leaders, and peer staff presented before the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Committee (MHSOAC) in Sacramento justifying the need for additional MHSA Innovations funding for two more years per project. The Commission unanimously approved the three extensions. This resulted in a release of over \$1.5 million in funds for these projects.

Hats off to UCSF Citywide, Curry Senior Center, MHSA program managers and the Office of Quality Management staff for working diligently to meet the deadlines and requests of the MHSOAC and to work towards a successful outcome. Much appreciated!!

3. ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT (AOT)

Since implementation in November 2015, Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) has had a total of 164 calls (86 referrals). Due to the strict eligibility criteria, many individuals do not meet criteria for the program; however, the AOT Care Team is able to offer support and resources to all callers. Of those referred to the program, the AOT Care Team has made contact with 40 individuals and 22 of those individuals have accepted voluntary services and were supported in being connected to care. At this time, we have filed 5 court petitions and continue to work closely with those who have agreed to services or were court ordered to participate in outpatient treatment.

In order to ensure that the requirements for treatment are met under the Welfare and Institutions Code, Behavioral Health Services has worked with Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG)- Division of Citywide Case Management to expand services to meet the needs of the population. This team, under the thoughtful direction of Alison Livingston, has worked closely with the AOT Care Team to ensure that individuals who are court ordered into treatment or are amenable to services are provided with comprehensive care to ensure success and stability in the community. Since implementation, this team has successfully connected with 18 individuals to provide services and support transitions to long term care. A special shout out and thanks for their dedication and hard work!

As always, if you would like more information about AOT, please visit our webpage at www.sfdph.org/aot. If you would like to make a referral to AOT, please contact us at 415-255-3936.

4. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY (CYF)

Chinatown Child Development Center

The Chinatown Child Development Center was invited to participate in a unique community gathering – The East Coast Lobster Boil and networking luncheon! The primary purpose of this

luncheon was to network and share agency services and resources to other nonprofits in the San Francisco Chinatown community. This event was hosted by the Chinese American Community Foundation and the Chinatown YMCA. Honored guests at this luncheon included Livia Ching – Executive Director, Ascent, Warren Seto – President, Chinese American Citizens Alliance and Clifford Yee – President, OCA – San Francisco Chapter. CCDC’s mission and services available for the community were acknowledged by Diana L. Wong, PsyD, LMFT.

Every year, the Chinatown Child Development Center partners with Alliant International University/CSPP’s Overseas Japan Program to host about 20-25 Masters level international students studying psychology from Japan. This year, Dr. Ellen Sawamura introduced CCDC’s outpatient mental health services to the group. Dr. Roger Wu presented a seminar about Pervasive Developmental Disorders & Autism to the group. Our presentation and work was well received.

Mission Family Center

The months of June and July were times of transition for Mission Family Center (MFC). We participated in the First Impressions graduation ceremony and look forward to their Horticulture project in the near future. We said goodbye to Dr. Anjam Bahal, our amazing UCSF Fellow as she moves on to Los Angeles, and to Dr. Elizabeth Rody, who after 13 incredible years as Medical Director at MFC is transitioning to Medical Director at Special Programs for Youth at the Juvenile Justice Center. Simultaneously, we are welcoming three wonderful covering psychiatrists: Dr. Robin Randall from Edgewood, who is now also the new Medical Director at Transitional Age Youth Services and will work four hours a week at MFC; Dr. Madhanika Srirma “Maya” who has been with DPH for seven years in multiple clinics, currently at SOMA, and has made herself available four hours a week as well. And finally, Dr. Craig Schiltz from FMP and CCS is covering one day a week. This remarkable covering team of psychiatrists has made the transition from Dr. Rody after so many years, a much smoother process for our clients and their families. In addition, MFC celebrated the fact that we exceeded the standard of improvement on significant CANS items at 69% of improvement and we celebrate Marta Bernal, ASW, the first clinician at MFC to pass the new Law and Ethics exam on her way to licensing! These last two month have also been wrought with increased local and national violence. MFC has dedicated time within our staff meetings to reflect on what it means to truly implement a trauma informed, racial humble system of care at the local clinic level.

Southeast Child Family Therapy Center

We would like to welcome Tomoya Hirota, our new psychiatry fellow from UCSF. He will be providing psychiatric evaluations and medication support services to our clients at our Silver Avenue site. Thanks as well to Dr. Farshid Farrahi for providing his supervision.

Kudos to Joy Gamble, LMFT and Robert Meneses, HW2 for providing a therapeutic activity group this summer call Young Urban Explorers to 10 clients.

This was a co-ed outing group for 7-10 year olds to learn prosocial and positive coping skills: developing friendly relationships with peers, dealing positively with conflicts with others, and being able to label and understand their own feeling and the feelings of others. All while having fun and being exposed to educational and recreational experiences in the Bay Area! They involved two teen

clients as junior mentors and positive role models to this group, supporting the teen clients' leadership skills. We thank Joy and Roberto for their initiative and passion in providing meaningful, transformative services to our community.

SECFTC has been invited to SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and MH Services Administration) to participate in a steering committee for NNED (National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health). NNED has grown considerably since its inception in 2008 and is now made up of over 800 community – based organizations and another 1,000+ individual affiliates who are interested and supportive of the NNED's mission. We are honored to be a member of the NNED Steering Committee and to consider how best to position NNED for the coming years.

Tell us your clinic story and we will add it to the upcoming Director's Reports

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