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Monthly Director's Report **JULY 2016**

1. MHPA FACES FOR THE FUTURE

This year marks the successful launch and completion of the inaugural MHPA-funded FACES for the Future program at John O'Connell High School. This spring 33 graduating seniors participated in internships at various SFPD units, clinics and programs – including the Zuckerberg SFGH and Laguna Honda. The majority of these students have enrolled in college or a post-secondary program for the upcoming Fall 2016 semester.

This short video highlights some of the FACES students' inspiring stories:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QpK6_q6sY.

Congratulations to our FACES for the Future Scholars!

2. MHPA FUNDED RAMS PROGRAM - NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Richmond Area Multi-Services, Inc. (RAMS), in collaboration with San Francisco State University Department of Counseling, is excited to announce that the Peer Specialist Mental Health Certificate Program is currently accepting applications for its Fall 2016 Peer Specialist Mental Health Certificate Entry Course!

Funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHPA), the Peer Specialist Mental Health Certificate Entry Course provides a 12-week intensive training program, targeted to consumers (current or former) of behavioral health services or family members who are interested in becoming peer counselors/peer support specialists in the behavioral health field. The Peer Specialist Mental Health Certificate Program has successfully graduated over 160 students and completed 12 cohorts since its inception in 2010.

We are looking for individuals who:

- Are at least 18 years of age and a resident of San Francisco,
- Have successfully completed at least a High School education or GED,

- Are interested in helping others in a community behavioral health setting, and
- Are able to attend 12 weeks of classes, which are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays (10AM-2PM)
- This program is funded by MHSa through San Francisco Behavioral Health Services. As such, the course is targeted to individuals (or family members) with personal experience with behavioral health services.

Applications are due Wednesday, August 10th @ 5:00pm. Materials and applications are available for download at: <http://www.ramsinc.org/peer.php>

Please feel free to contact RAMS at (415) 579-3021 x102 or certificate@ramsinc.org should you have any questions.

We look forward to receiving applications for the Fall 2016 Peer Specialist Mental Health Certificate Entry Course, and beginning another great cohort!

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3. ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) continues to be active in our first year of implementation! Thus far, we have had 80 referrals to the program (many individuals do not meet the strict eligibility criteria outlined in the law), have engaged 19 individuals in voluntary services, and filed 4 court petitions. Most referrals have been made by family members and treatment providers and, while there is a lot of diversity among referred individuals, demographics have predominantly been white men between the ages of 26-45.

One success story is a case referred by a family member. This individual had an extensive history of psychiatric crises and attempts to engage in services. Prior to the referral, Mr. Y was homeless, struggling with substance use, and in 2015 alone had over 50 contacts at Psychiatric Emergency Services. With extensive outreach and engagement by AOT and his intensive case management team, there has been a 634% reduction of crisis contacts. Mr. Y is currently housed in independent housing and continues to be engaged with a mental health provider.

As a reminder, our first annual report is available to review on our webpage (www.sfdph.org/aot) under "Annual Report." If you would like to make a referral to AOT or learn more about our program, please visit our webpage or call 415-255-3936.



4. FIRST IMPRESSIONS

First Impressions is a basic construction and remodeling vocational program that assists BHS consumers in learning marketable skills, receive on-the-job training and mentoring, and secure competitive employment in the community. First Impressions provides 3 months of classroom education/training followed by 6 months of paid work experience. The ultimate goal is for consumers to learn marketable skills while being a part of the transformation of the BHS Mental Health Care System by creating a welcoming environment in the wait rooms of DPH clinics that cultural reflect the community it serves.



On June 30th, First Impressions graduated its third cohort and completed its tenth renovation project. This past year First Impressions renovated the wait rooms of Chinatown Child Development Center and Mission Family Center. In addition, First Impressions remodeled Room 515 (and its patio) at 1380 Howard. The work included: new furniture, paint, chair railings, window shades, benches, patio furniture and functional dry erase walls. First Impressions is currently recruiting for its next cohort, which will begin September.

For more information, please contact Daphne Dickens at 415-597-4950 or Daphne.Dickens@ucsf.edu or visit <http://citywide.ucsf.edu/first-impressions>. First Impressions is a collaboration between MHSA, BHS, UCSF's Citywide Employment Program and Asian Neighborhood Design (AND).

Due to the success of the First Impressions Program we launched the Growth Project earlier this year (Growth stands for Growing Recovery and Opportunities for Work Through Horticulture). Based on the same model as First Impressions, the Growth Project recently completed their classroom training and began the paid work experience portion of the Program. Their first project will focus on the Patio and Entrance of 1380 Howard. Look for some exciting changes to come soon!



5. MHSA/BHS VOCATIONAL SUMMIT – [SAVE THE DATE!](#)

Are you interested in finding out more information about the landscape of behavioral health vocational services available in SF? Want to learn how to refer clients to existing Vocational programs in SF? Would you like to hear success stories from existing clients? Please join us on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 for the BHS/MHSA Vocational Summit, 10:30am – 2:30pm, San Francisco Public Library in the Latino/Hispanic Community Meeting Room (Enter at 30 Grove, proceed down stairs to the lower level. Please see attached flyer.

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6. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (CYF)

SFDPH Trauma Informed System Initiative

The SFDPH Trauma Informed System Initiative, which began implementing the foundational trauma training in 2014, will be presenting at the upcoming International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 2016 conference on *Trauma & Public Health: Innovative Technology and Knowledge Dissemination*. Two key aspects of the TIS initiative will be highlighted, including the unique Commitment to Change project (completed by all foundational training participants) and the Organizational Champions pilot, which is utilizing the *Tool for a Trauma Informed Worklife* as part of a structured and supported process for organizational change. The Commitment to Change project and Organizational Champions pilot have both shown promising results in helping us successfully become a trauma informed system. For more information on these presentations, please contact: Briana Loomis, Ph.D, Director of TIS Evaluation.

LEGACY

The quarterly Community Advisory Board was held at LEGACY on June 7, 2016. The forum provides us with valuable feedback from our consumers on how they feel CYF is performing.

Our monthly Family Support Night (June 20th) featured speakers from RAMS, Kristen Snell and Kavoos Bassiri. They discussed their agencies numerous resources for our consumers for the summer and beyond.

Our Staff has been busy with community outreach. The most recent events were Bayview Family Connect at the Bayview YMCA on June 10th, Juneteenth Street Fair celebration in the Fillmore on June 18th and the Huntersview Block Party at the Hunterview's housing complex on June 25th.

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

Past issues of the CBHS Monthly Director's Report are available at:

<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/oservices/mentalHlth/CBHS/CBHSdirRpts.asp>

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