

# Director's Report

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## DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY NEWS

### **County Behavioral Health Directors (CBHDA) Issue Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Surrounding the Prioritization of Behavioral Health Clients Getting Vaccinated for COVID-19:**

CBHDA recently issued FAQs to facilitate prioritization of behavioral health clients for vaccines, building off existing prioritization standards published by the state related to the March 15<sup>th</sup> date that allows people with listed comorbid medical conditions to receive vaccine prioritization from their medical providers. Questions included in the document include the following:

- How can individuals with behavioral health conditions (mental health and/or substance use disorder) be prioritized for receipt of the COVID-19 vaccine?
- What is the evidence that individuals with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders have increased morbidity and mortality from COVID-19?
- How do behavioral health providers and their staff get vaccinated?

A summary of the FAQs can be found [here](#).

**March is National Social Worker Month:** Did you know that every March, National Social Work Month recognizes the dedication and empathy that social workers across the country deliver while providing services to children and adults in need? Social workers are advocates, advisors, counselors, and facilitators in schools, clinics, businesses, and government offices.

In their roles, they provide support to people of all backgrounds, in our communities and to employers. Their services are provided in crisis situations or when life creates roadblocks and uncertainty. They guide us through the obstacles and help lift us out of the potholes. Social workers provide a voice for equal rights for the weakest of us and connect us to resources when we are in need.

National Social Work Month was first organized in March of 1963 by the National Association of Social Workers as a way to encourage public support for the profession. Then in 1984, a joint resolution of Congress was passed and was proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan under Proclamation 5167 on March 22 as National Professional Social Work Month. Behavioral Wellness extends gratitude to all of the social workers within the department. These social workers dedicate their days to helping those who are struggling with the challenges of living with a mental illness. Thank you, Behavioral Wellness Social Workers!

**Behavioral Wellness Awarded Funding for Youth Opioid Response (YOR):** Behavioral Wellness recently received notice for the award of funding for \$552,000 for an 18-month Youth Opioid Response (YOR) program entitled *YOR Place*. The funding comes from the Department of Health Care Services. *YOR Place* will establish a youth, peer facilitated drop-in center with a full range of integrated services increase engagement and access to Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Stimulant Use Disorder (StUD) treatment for Transition Age Youth ages 12 to 24, with a focus on Latinx youth in the Lompoc area. Services will include Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), focused Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) opportunities, and a full range of outreach and care coordination. With a current Substance Use Disorder (SUD) indicator rate of 10% - 15% of the youth in this area, which describes the percentage who have a substance use disorder, and knowing there is a large percentage of Latinx youth in this group, we become more aware of this underrepresented group in our substance use disorder (SUD) system of care.

With recent changes in the law, youth are no longer being mandated to treatment and medical necessity criteria for enrollment in treatment programs has become strict. This further exacerbates the need for treatment, and the persistence of the opioid epidemic including a significant increase in methamphetamine use and addiction, and the legalization of cannabis. *YOR Place* will increase access by offering a safe environment where clients and their families and identified supports, can receive educational information and receive MAT in a youth-guided, family-oriented environment. *YOR Place* staff will also conduct vigorous outreach within the community and provide non-stigmatizing education and engagement opportunities to clients.

**National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week:** National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week takes place this year from March 22 – 28, 2021. This is a national health observance week for teens, to promote scientific reports and information to *SHATTER THE MYTHS* about drugs. Throughout this week, Behavioral Wellness will be sending out daily facts on Drugs and Alcohol. Stay tuned!

**External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) Draft Report of System Review Received:** Behavioral Wellness received a positive report of findings from EQRO following the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) review which took place on January 13 and 14, 2021. Some of the highlights of this report include:

**Access to Care.** Penetration rates higher than statewide numbers with clients served increasing by nearly 30% from 1,829 in FY 18-19 to 2,366 in FY 19-20. Client rates their experience highly in the area of ease of access to treatment services. Clients are able to readily access non-methadone Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) at a slightly higher percentage than the statewide average.

**Timeliness of Services.** Time to first dose of methadone is on par with the statewide average and is well within timeliness standards.

**Quality of Care.** Similar rate as the statewide average on transitioning of services with clients discharged from residential treatment to a lower level of care. Treatment Perception Survey results were notably high within the quality domain and with over 90% of client agreement that their treatment was high quality and expressing satisfaction with their services.

**Client Outcomes.** Treatment Perception Survey results were high, at 89%, in the domain of client outcomes with participants agreeing that their ability to function well in life improved as a result of their treatment. Discharge results showed that providers rated nearly 68% percent of their clients as having progressed positively in treatment by the time of their discharge (which is significantly higher than the statewide average of just over 45%).

When the final report is received, it will be posted in full on the Behavioral Wellness website.

**MHSA Community Programs Planning Process:** Mental Health Services Act Chief, Lindsay Walter, and the Client Family Member Action Team MHSA Community Planning Workgroup is hard at work “Zooming” throughout all regions of the county meeting with stakeholders on input for the draft of the MHSA Plan Annual Update for Fiscal Years 2021-2022 as required in the Community Program Planning Process. The inclusive and ongoing community process allows for the Department to gather feedback about experiences with MHSA programs and the current behavioral health system; to gauge the overall impact and effectiveness of such programs, to record recommendations for improvement of programs and processes, and to acknowledge feedback regarding future and/or unmet needs. Focused topic discussions on 1) Housing and Homeless Services; 2) Whole Person Care; 3) Peer Support; 4) Children and Youth Services along with the currently funded MHSA programs are the themes for this year’s activities. All are welcome to join the conversation at upcoming Department Action Team and Community Meetings throughout the months of March and April. To learn more about opportunities to engage in the planning process, please see dates listed below and links to all sessions and a general input survey.



Additionally, if you are unable to attend a planning session or have a family member, friend, or community member interested in providing feedback, please complete and/or have them complete this year’s general MHSA input survey by clicking this link – [MHSA Planning Survey](#).

This year’s Zoom MHSA planning sessions dates and times are:

**Cultural Competence and Diversity Action Team – Whole Person Care**

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 10AM-11:30AM

Zoom Link:

<https://sbcbswell.zoom.us/j/92504126651?pwd=aUt5U0k0Z0F6emd2Tmx2V0N0bW1RZz09>

Meeting ID: 925 0412 6651

Passcode: 702385

**Client and Family Action Team – Peer Support Focus**

March 18<sup>th</sup> 1-2:30PM

Zoom Link:

<https://sbcbswell.zoom.us/j/98435692979?pwd=M0tJS1dRRnpLaHNYMXpSdII1eElHQ09>

Meeting ID: 984 3569 2979

Passcode: 287950

**Childrens’ System of Care (CSOC) – Children and Youth Focus**

Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30pm – 12:00pm

Zoom Link:

<https://sbcbswell.zoom.us/j/96930175346?pwd=b3cxcXVpVFZHVkJKM0pZa2hlL2dqUT09>

Meeting ID: 969 3017 5346

Passcode: 856206

### **Housing and Recovery Action Team (HEART) - Housing and Homeless Services Focus**

April 14, 2021, 1-2:30PM

Zoom Link:

<https://sbcbswell.zoom.us/j/92347879804?pwd=MzJlOktKeDc0NTArcnJTelKNHE3QT09>

Meeting ID: 923 4787 9804

Passcode: 724008

### **General Community Listening Session on MHSA Planning and Updates**

March 23, 2021, 2:30-3:30PM

Zoom Link:

<https://sbcbswell.zoom.us/j/93881267715?pwd=Q2xITURucll0MDZLTkd6R1ovU0lwdz09>

Meeting ID: 938 8126 7715

Passcode: 16260359

For more information about the Community Planning Process, to host a listening session, or to share input, please contact MHSA Chief, Lindsay Walter, JD at [lwalter@sbcbswell.org](mailto:lwalter@sbcbswell.org)



### **Saying Goodbye to Stephanie Diaz, Privacy Officer and QCM Coordinator:**

Congratulations to **Stephanie Diaz** who will be retiring from the Department on March 26, 2021 after almost 11 years of service to the Alcohol & Drug Program (ADP), Quality Care Management (QCM), and the Compliance/Privacy Program. Stephanie began her work with the Department as a Supervisor with ADP overseeing ADP provider monitoring, managing the rollout of Clinician's Gateway to ADP providers, and preparing ADP for the launch of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System. She then transitioned to QCM where she was responsible for provider site certification and monitoring, and was appointed the Department's Privacy Officer. As Privacy Officer, Stephanie's responsibilities included chairing the HIPAA and Security Sub-Committee, coordinating Department privacy trainings for staff and contracted providers, conducting privacy investigations, communicating with the Department of Health Care Services on potential privacy violations and breaches, launching the Privacy Software database through Clearwater Compliance, and serving as a resource to many who had general questions about privacy laws and how to comply with them. The Department thanks Stephanie for her many contributions over the years, and wishes her the best upon her retirement - you will be missed Stephanie!

Taking over as the Department Privacy Officer is **Janet Alexander, LMFT**, who has worked in the Department's mental health system of care for over 15 years. Janet has worked with the ACT program, Calle Real Clinic, C.A.R.E.S. and is currently working with the Access Line, where she will continue to offer support on a part-time basis. Janet has had the benefit of shadowing Stephanie on Privacy issues over the past two months, and is ready to take over the role upon Stephanie's departure. Janet can be reached through the dedicated Privacy phoneline at 1-(805) 934-6344 and through e-mail at [BWELLPrivacy@sbcbswell.org](mailto:BWELLPrivacy@sbcbswell.org) or [jalexander@sbcbswell.org](mailto:jalexander@sbcbswell.org).

**Santa Barbara Regional Partnership Meeting:** The **Adult** meeting took place on February 22, 2021. **Jon Masuda, Team Supervisor of Homeless Services**, provided a presentation on Homeless services and current Housing Projects. He shared that Homeless Services has collaborated with community partners to open the Heath House in Santa Barbara. The two-story house located in Santa Barbara, has 7 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms.. A total of 7 formerly homeless women will soon occupy the house; therefore, opening availability within PATH SB, the Hospitality House, and Step-Down Housing.

A new housing opportunity is under construction in Santa Maria on the corner of Blosser and Cox St. This property is known as the West Cox Cottages. Homeless Services is creating a list and getting candidates document ready for consideration. Thirteen (13) individuals with an identified severe mental illness will be selected to move-in which is expected to commence in the spring. Each cottage may occupy up to 3 people; thus, offering the option to include a partner and/or child(ren).

Homekey Studios has been activated in Lompoc and now houses (16) individuals which also includes a Resident Manager. This property was formerly the Behavioral Wellness “B Street Clinic”. Housing initiated late December 2020 and created housing solutions for individuals living in the Lompoc Riverbed.

The Behavioral Wellness Homeless Services Program is building its teams and will soon be onboarding a new LCSW in Lompoc. In collaboration with Lompoc Police Department, the new Social Worker will provide outreach services to the community and to those living in the Riverbed.

The Santa Maria team currently has a full-time Case Worker, Practitioner, and MSW who are providing community outreach. The team is also supporting those staying at the Good Samaritan Shelter and Depot Street complex. The Depot Street complex is fairly new and the team spends 20 hours a week on site. A part-time Case worker also joins in outreach and is assisting clients with preparations for West Cox Cottages applications.

The Santa Barbara team consists of a full-time Case Worker who provides outreach to the community, non-congregate shelter, pallet houses, and beaches in the area. An additional Case Worker goes out to beaches, the Milpas corridor, and Tucker’s Grove to support the homeless and link to housing. A new Practitioner, Kendre Sanborn, has recently joined South County. Kendre is training in the field and attending meetings with community partners. A growing number of homeless encampments in the waterfront areas have been reported by businesses and the police department. Two Extra-Help Case Workers are assigned to Behavioral Wellness’ contracted shelters. Case Workers complete intakes, support clients, and troubleshoot any issues that occur with clients. Behavioral Wellness has a total of (22) beds contracted with PATH and 5 beds with the Hospitality House (higher functioning clients).

The **Children’s** meeting took place on February 18. The key presentation was provided by Saul Serrano, Coordinator **for the** South Coast Youth Safety Partnership. The South Coast Youth Safety Partnership (SCYSP) is focused on youth safety and reducing youth and gang violence by mobilizing resources in the community. SCYSP’s 2020 strategic plan includes prevention, intervention, enforcement, and reentry. Preventing youth violence in the community, interventions for those already in the justice system, and supporting successful reentry into the community. Partnerships extend across the region with organized efforts from the County of Santa Barbara; in addition to the cities of Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Carpinteria. SCYSP’s partnership structure is made up of several teams. Behavioral Wellness is a participant within this partnership task force.

**Change Agents:** The Change Agents met in February and included the participation of the clinical managers and supervisors. Each Change Agent presented their project in a Power Point format. Current projects include: Improving SUD screening within the Mental Health Outpatient clinics, Improving the Mental Health Treatment Court Referral process, Identifying barriers to admission at the Crisis Stabilization Unit, Improving compliance with paperwork during staff separation, Decreasing Psychiatry no-show appointments using RxNT, Increasing Zoom opportunities for clients, Improving chart compliance Increasing consumer knowledge of department and community resources by creating a lobby PowerPoint, and Increasing group therapy attendance. The meeting included robust discussion and feedback on each of the projects. It was also announced that **John Winckler, Division Chief of Clinical Operations** would be taking over the facilitation of this group going forward.

**Childrens System of Care (CSOC) Action Team:** The CSOC continued discussion and provided updates on the 4 key action areas for this team. The key areas include: a) Access to Care/Engagement, b) Safety and Resiliency (child abuse prevention), c) Criteria for services and d) Youth of color. Participants discussed the impact of schools opening and the need for mental health support for youth, families and teachers. All of the CSOC partners are reporting higher levels of utilization of mental health services, and the struggle to respond effectively given the need and staffing shortages. The next meeting will take place on March 25, 2021.

**Consumer and Family Member Action Team (CFMAT):** The most recent meeting was begun with Eileen Francis reading her poem entitled, *Spring's Acomin*. The Help@Hand Team shared plans to host community listening sessions with the Transition Age Youth (TAY) population. In addition, San Mateo County has shared Headspace licenses with the Santa Barbara County Help@Hand Project which will allow the team to provide "Appy Hours" for clients enrolled in the Headspace mobile application. Additional updates included Peer Certification, Spring edition newsletter "Together in Our Journey," the first Peer Empowerment Conference on zoom that is scheduled for May 27, 2021, an upcoming Peer Personnel Training opportunity, and NAMI searching for peer volunteers to participate as panelists for the Crisis Intervention training. **Lindsay Walter, Assistant Director of Administration and Operations**, provided a progress update on the MHSA Community Planning Process and MHSA initiatives. CFMAT advisors to the MHSA Community Planning Process, assisted with providing feedback on stakeholder sessions, evaluation survey and art work submissions for the MHSA Plan. CFMAT meets monthly on the third Thursday from 1 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

**Crisis Action Team:** The Crisis Action Team met on March 11<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, Behavioral Wellness announced that they will be supporting the statewide Family Urgent Response System (FURS) initiative. This program for foster families or those formerly in foster care to call for an in-person response to provide de-escalation, and reduce the need for law enforcement intervention. The program began on March 1. Behavioral Wellness is developing plans with an organizational provider to provide this service in the near future. Until then, the Behavioral Wellness mobile crisis staff will respond to these calls.

Two months of admissions and discharge data from the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) was presented to the group. The CSU continues to accept some individuals on W&I 5150 holds onto the unit in addition to those

there on a voluntary basis. Additionally, the CSU is now providing on site COVID testing for new admits, thus allowing for direct drop offs from law enforcement. The Crisis Action Team meets the second Thursday of each month from 2:30-4:00 P.M.

**Cultural Competency and Diversity Action Team (CCDAT):** The Cultural Competency and Diversity Action Team meetings continues to have subject matter experts join the meeting and provide inspiration through sharing their knowledge on strategies for engaging communities of color. In honor of Black History month, Marie Corbin, Executive Director of Project Heal of Santa Barbara, presented on the multicultural, peer-to-peer methods utilized by Project Heal to engage individuals and establish rapport within underserved communities. In addition, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt, President of the Santa Maria branch of the NAACP, gave a presentation on the history of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and why it is important to celebrate Black History Month. Another exciting presentation was from Martha Neary, PsyberGuide Project Manager, who demonstrated specific toolkits for LGBTQ+, African-American and Spanish speaking communities. Ms. Neary shared that finding the right mental health mobile application can be challenging, and PsyberGuide provides application reviews and guides that assist people in finding the right mental health application for them. These presentations were followed by updates from the Help@Hand Team and progress from CCDAT subcommittees.

As mentioned in the Consumer and Family Member Action Team Meeting summary, Help@Hand is hosting Community Listening Sessions for TAY individuals. The Language Access Subcommittee shared the *Translation Request Form*, which allows Behavioral Wellness staff to request documents for translation while providing a tracking mechanism. CCDAT members also received the COVID-19 Safety Planning & Wellness Form, a 1-page document that can be widely shared with clients and staff. Members were notified of upcoming training opportunities, including a Peer Support Specialist training being offered in collaboration with Crestwood Behavioral Health, and a series of trainings for the Santa Ynez tribal group that build on cultural humility, strategies for engagement and the understanding of historical trauma. CCDAT meets monthly on the second Friday from 10 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

**Forensic Action Team:** The Forensic Action Team Meeting seeks to connect a wide variety of leaders and stakeholders invested in cross-sector collaboration and ongoing systemic enhancements for services provided to criminal justice-involved juveniles and adults. Meetings occur monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. (via Zoom).

February's meeting highlighted a resource sheet being developed by Behavioral Wellness, to increase knowledge of mental health services countywide in response to stakeholder and community members' requests for an at-a-glance map of programs, services and levels-of-care. Additionally, information sharing and discussion was had regarding the Sherriff's Office and WellPath jail discharge planning processes designed to support individuals with linkage to services and follow-through upon their release. The team brainstormed ideas related to a recently proposed action team goal involving how to incorporate peers with lived experience into the discharge plan for inmates upon release from the jail to promote further successful reintegration. The next Forensic Action Team Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30-3:00 pm**. Please contact Shana Burns, LMFT, Forensics Services Manager, and Celeste Andersen, Chief of Compliance, with any questions, agenda suggestions, and/or if you would like to be added to the action team invite list.

**Housing and Recovery Action Team (HEART):** The HEART team met on February 10. Many of the housing projects discussed were also noted in the above regional partnership meetings. No-Place-Like-Home (NPLH) projects were discussed and included West Cox Cottages being developed in Lompoc with 13 NPLH units and 14 HEAP units. Despite initial construction delays, the goal continues to issue a public notice and begin a waitlist as soon as possible. Sanctuary Center has applied for 16 additional NPLH units. 16 NPLH units have been funded for Hollister in Santa Barbara and are awaiting construction, and Cypress and 7<sup>th</sup> in Lompoc is currently applying for funding for 14 units expected in the Spring.

Location options continue for a Navigation Center in downtown Santa Barbara. The goal of this center would be to temporarily house people who are homeless for up to 6 months and provide linkage to services as they are assisted in transferring to long term housing. As reported in last month's newsletter, Home Key Studios has all 14 units filled. Additional updates provided include Heath House in Santa Barbara having 7 units currently available, outreach vans expected to be active soon and Emergency Solutions funding of 1.6 million being available for spot assessments and rapid-rehousing efforts within the community.

## NATIONAL AND STATE NEWS

**Steinberg Institute Announces 2021 Legislative Bills:** The Steinberg Institute recently announced the Institute's legislative package for 2021. The three primary bills announced are listed below with brief descriptions as well as sample support letters you may wish to share with others.

**AB 988, The Miles Hall Lifeline Act** (Bauer-Kahan, D-Orinda), will transform the way California responds to mental health emergencies to ensure those in crisis receive the urgent care they need. The system uses an easy-to-remember three-digit phone number – 988 – as an alternative to 911 so individuals and their families know and can trust that the appropriate help is only one call away. Call centers will connect people with trained counselors and dispatch mobile crisis support teams – staffed by mental health professionals and trained peers instead of police officers – to help a person in crisis. The legislation is authored by Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and is jointly authored by Marc Berman (D-Menlo Park), David Chiu (D-San Francisco), Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Fullerton), and Philip Ting (D-San Francisco); and co-authored by more than a dozen other legislators. You can see a fact sheet [here](#) and a sample support letter [here](#).

**AB 816** (Chiu, D-San Francisco) would demand of state and local officials a heightened sense of urgency and accountability around one of the great moral failings of our time – mass homelessness. Before the coronavirus pandemic, some 150,000 Californians experienced homelessness on any given night, and at least 24% of them live with a severe mental illness. The numbers also reflect unacceptable racial disparities: African Americans, for example, make up just 6.5 percent of the state's overall population but almost 40 percent of the homeless.

AB 816 requires local government and the state to develop a plan to reduce homelessness by 90 percent by 2030 and to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities. It would create a Homelessness Inspector General who can bring legal action against the state or local governments for failing to submit or implement a plan. AB 816 is authored by Assemblymember David Chiu and jointly authored by Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica), Rob Bonta (D-Oakland), Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Fullerton), Miguel Santiago (D-Los Angeles), and Buffy Wicks



(D-Oakland) and sponsored by the Steinberg Institute, the Corporation for Supportive Housing, Housing California, and Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, co-chair of the Governor’s Council of Regional Homeless Advisors. A fact sheet is [here](#). A sample letter of support is [here](#).

**AB 71, Bring California Home Act** (Luz Rivas, D-Arleta), addresses the homeless crisis by increasing taxes on the wealthiest multinational corporations and other companies with annual profits of \$5 million and dedicating the revenue to building housing and other proven strategies that reduce homelessness – and prevent more Californians from falling into it. The bill will generate at least \$2.4 billion annually for cities and counties to achieve ambitious performance goals, collaborate with each other and the state, and continually innovate and improve.

The bill is authored by Assemblymember Rivas and jointly authored by Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica), David Chiu (D-San Francisco), and Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland). AB 71 is sponsored by the Steinberg Institute; Corporation for Supportive Housing; Housing California; the City of Los Angeles and Mayor Eric Garcetti; the City of San Francisco and Mayor London Breed; the City of Oakland and Mayor Libby Schaaf; All Home; Brilliant Corners; Episcopal Community Services-San Francisco; HOPICS; John Burton Advocates for Youth; National Alliance to End Homelessness; Non-Profit Housing Assn. of Northern California; and United Way of Greater Los Angeles. A fact sheet is [here](#) and a sample support letter [here](#).

**SB 106**, (Umberg, D-Santa Ana), will free up hundreds of millions of dollars from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) for vital mental health services. The bill would pre-approve full-service partnerships (FSPs), which provide intensive outpatient care with a “whatever it takes” approach to help people living with a severe mental illness, for the use of MHSA innovation funds.

Even though innovation funds represent only 5 percent of all MHSA funds, they make up 63 percent of unspent dollars. According to a 2017 report by the California State Auditor, at the end of fiscal year 2015-2016, counties had \$146 million in unspent innovation funds. According to that same audit, these unspent dollars are going unspent due to the onerous, opaque, and drawn-out project approval process counties must go through before spending innovation dollars. With more and more Californians suffering from untreated mental illness and dying in despair, it is unconscionable to leave money on the table. It is time to put these dollars to work and get people the care they need. A fact sheet is [here](#) and a sample support letter [here](#).

## **SYSTEMS CHANGE CALENDAR**

**Please Note:** Due to COVID-19, to protect the health and safety of our staff and other partners, no Action Team meetings will be held in person for the foreseeable future. All will be held remotely.

- **Behavioral Wellness Commission:** The Behavioral Wellness Commission meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. Video conferencing is available at the Santa Barbara Children’s Clinic large conference room, Santa Maria Clinic Conference Room and the Lompoc Children’s Clinic Newport Harbor Room. Questions: Karen Campos at [kcampos@sbcbswell.org](mailto:kcampos@sbcbswell.org)

- **Change Agent Meeting:** Change agents meet the fourth Wednesday of every month 9 – 11 am except during quarterly in-person meetings, which are 9 am – 12 noon. Video conferencing is available at the Santa Barbara Children’s Clinic, Small conference room; and the Santa Maria Adult Clinic large conference room located at 500 West Foster Road, Santa Maria. Questions: Janal Lopez, [janlopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:janlopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)
- **Lompoc Regional Partnership Meeting:** Meetings occur every other month on the third Tuesday at 301 N. R Street. Questions: Anthony Hollenback, [ahollenback@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:ahollenback@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)
- **Santa Barbara Adult Regional Partnership:** meets every 3rd Monday of the month from 10:00 am – 11:00 am at the Santa Barbara Children’s Clinic, large conference room. Questions: Veronica Heinzelmann, [vheinzelmann@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:vheinzelmann@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)
- **Santa Barbara Children’s Regional Partnership:** 3th Thursday of the month from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the Santa Barbara Children’s Clinic, large conference room. Questions: Veronica Heinzelmann, [vheinzelmann@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:vheinzelmann@co.santa-barbara.ca.us).
- **Santa Maria Children’s Regional Partnership Meeting** is held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 10 am in the large meeting room at the Foster Road Clinic. Questions: Roberto Rodriguez at [robertor@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:robertor@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)
- **Santa Maria Adult Regional Partnership** occurs every 3rd Monday of the month at 11 am in the large meeting room at the Foster Road Clinic. Questions: Questions: John Winckler at [jwinckler@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:jwinckler@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)
- **The Housing, Empowerment, Action and Recovery Team (HEART)** meets the second Wednesday of every other month, 1:00-2:30 p.m. Locations: Behavioral Wellness Conference Room 261 and Santa Maria Annex via videoconference. Contact Laura Zeitz, [lazeitz@sbcbswell.org](mailto:lazeitz@sbcbswell.org)
- **The Cultural Competency and Diversity Action Team (CCDAT)** meets the second Friday of each month, 9:30-11:00 am, Locations: Santa Barbara Children’s Clinic Large Conference Room 119, Santa Maria Annex and Lompoc B St. Contact Maria Arteaga at 805-681-5208 or [marteaga@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:marteaga@co.santa-barbara.ca.us) or Anthony Hollenback at 805-737-6610 or [ahollenback@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:ahollenback@co.santa-barbara.ca.us) to get zoom log in information.
- **The Consumer and Family Member Action Team** meets the third Thursday of the Month from 1 – 2:30pm. Locations: Behavioral Wellness Santa Barbara Conference Room 261, Lompoc Children’s New Port Room the Santa Maria Annex Room via videoconference. Contact Maria Arteaga at 805-681-5208 or [marteaga@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:marteaga@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)
- **The Crisis Action Team** meets the second Thursday of the month, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Santa Barbara Children’s large conference room 119. Contact Jeff Shannon, [jeshannon@sbcbswell.org](mailto:jeshannon@sbcbswell.org) .

- **The Children's System of Care Action Team** meets the 4th Thursday of the month, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon. SELPA Conference Room, 240 E. Hwy. 246, Suite 200, Buellton CA 93127. Contact Anthony Hollenback at [ahollenback@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:ahollenback@co.santa-barbara.ca.us)
- **Forensic Action Team** will be meeting every other month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 1:30 - 3. Meetings are held at the Behavioral Wellness Children's Mental Health Services building, room 119, located at 429 N. San Antonio Rd in Santa Barbara. For questions or Zoom log in information, please contact Shana Burns at [sburns@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:sburns@co.santa-barbara.ca.us) or Celeste Andersen at [candersen@sbcbswell.org](mailto:candersen@sbcbswell.org)