

Director's Report

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DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY NEWS

Cultural Competence Needs Assessment Survey to be Launched Spring 2019: The Cultural Competence and Diversity Action Team (CCDAT) will be launching a county-wide needs assessment survey with the assistance of Dr. Jonathan Martinez, a cultural psychology professor and researcher at California State University at Northridge. Funded by the Southern California Regional Partnership (SCRIP), the survey is geared towards consumers, family and friends of consumers, community members, volunteers and employees with experience or knowledge of the behavioral system in Santa Barbara County. The survey asks for perspectives on organizational and personal ability and confidence in serving historically disenfranchised and unserved communities. The survey is completed online, is anonymous, and takes an average of 15 minutes. A survey link will be sent out in the coming weeks as well as posted on the Behavioral Wellness website.

2019 Bilingual Survey Results: Preliminary results are now available following a bilingual survey of all Behavioral Wellness staff. Bilingual capacity in any language for all staff, including clinical and non-clinical positions, is 36%. Bilingual capacity for clinical staff only showed that 38% are bilingual in any language. This year saw greater representation of language across the Department with higher numbers of staff speaking Tagalog, Portuguese, Arabic, French, Filipino, Russian, German, Urdu, Hindi and Mixteco, plus an additional 16 languages of lesser diffusion. When considering the Department's capacity in Spanish, the County's threshold language, 30% of all staff reported as bilingual in Spanish. 31% of clinical staff reported being bilingual in Spanish. A threshold language is a primary non-English language spoken by a substantial portion of the local population, specifically 3,000 Medi-Cal beneficiaries or five percent of the Medi-Cal beneficiary population, whichever is lower. A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in this survey.

2018-2019 Behavioral Wellness System Review Update: The State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) External Quality Review (EQRO) took place on March 26 and 27. DHCS contracts with an organization called Behavioral Health Concepts (BHC) to lead this review. As in previous years, this EQRO review focused on department systems, procedures, activities, and data designed to improve access, timeliness, quality, and outcomes of services. Focus groups took place with consumers, line staff, supervisors, peer employees and many others to overview system practices and adherence to regulatory requirements. The review team provided much positive feedback toward the department systems in place and services provided. Behavioral Wellness can expect to receive a draft report of the review findings by June. Multiple staff took place in both the preparation process as well as review groups. Much appreciation to everyone for the many months of preparation efforts which allowed the great work of the department to be highlighted during this year's review.

Strengthening Families Pilot Program a Success in Santa Barbara: Santa Barbara Children's Outpatient clinic staff participated in a two day training in fall of 2018 to prepare them for the launch of the Strengthening Families Pilot program at their clinic site. With the program beginning in January of 2019, the 10 week program recently completed with great success. The Strengthening Families program is designed for adolescents and their families to reduce challenges experienced by youth while promoting positive development. The program works to build resilience within families through learning and developing protective factors. Seven families completed the program which met weekly. During the weekly program, parents and youth broke into separate groups. When the families rejoined, a meal was shared and discussion took place about learning which occurred in the separate group sessions. Topics discussed during the weekly sessions included academic success, alcohol and drug abuse, healthy vs unhealthy relationships, parental rules and boundaries within a home, effective communication skills and practices for healthy coping for stressful situations. "The group allowed a safe space to talk and for parents and youth to give helpful advice to one another," stated **Elsa Hernandez, Case Worker** who served as one of the Santa Barbara group facilitators. Recent family graduates gave feedback including youth stating that they noticed a difference in the way their parents were communicating and interacting with them including more time spent with them and given more praise. Parents reported successfully completing assigned weekly "homework" which included spending specified amounts of time together as a family without electronics. Elsa shares, "I enjoyed the program because I noticed how much the families enjoyed it as well."

2019-2020 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan Update Posted for Public Comment: The Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan Update will be posted for public comment on the [Behavioral Wellness website](http://www.countyofsb.org/behavioral-wellness) from April 23rd – May 22nd, 2019 www.countyofsb.org/behavioral-wellness

The MHSA Plan reflects all MHSA program updates and changes, budgets, and stakeholder input from community meetings held in January to March countywide. Following the posting period, the Behavioral Wellness Commission will be holding the MHSA Public Hearing as part of their May meeting on May 30th, 2019. Locations include the Santa Barbara and Santa Maria Board of Supervisors Conference Rooms. The direct online link to the Plan will be provided in the May Directors' report, distributed via email, and any request for postal service can be sent to Lindsay Walter (lwalter@co.santa-barbara.ca.us).

Behavioral Wellness Staff Recognized during Woman's History Month: Behavioral Wellness Supervisor **Lisa Conn, MFT** was honored by the Junior League of Santa Barbara at their 12th annual gala held on March 9 at the Santa Barbara Coral Casino. As the instrumental lead of the Behavioral Wellness R.I.S.E. (Resiliency Interventions for Sexual Exploitation) program, Lisa was recognized with the Junior League Woman of the Year Award for her service and commitment to the Santa Barbara community.

Behavioral Wellness was recognized by the Santa Barbara Commission for Women at the March 19 Board of Supervisors Hearing and following reception. Two resolutions were provided honoring **Suzanne Grimmersey, MFT** and the **Community Wellness Team** as the Second District Commission for Women Service Award Recipients. The Community Wellness Team, comprised of 13 local organizations working together to support the wellness of our community in the aftermath of the Thomas Fire and 1/9 Debris Flow, was recognized as well as the Mental Wellness Center **HOPE 805** team for playing a key role in ongoing community outreach, crisis counseling and education. Suzanne was recognized for providing outstanding community service and leadership for the Community Wellness Team.

Upcoming Peer Trainings being offered through Behavioral Wellness: The Department of Behavioral Wellness Workforce Integration Support and Education (WISE) training series continues to be offered through May. Behavioral Wellness is offering a two day "WRAP Seminar 1" training for Recovery Assistants and Caseworkers working within Behavioral Wellness as well as in Community Based Organizations. Additionally, in May, a one day interactive workshop titled, "Surviving and Thriving" will be offered. This workshop aims to enable participants to strengthen professional job skill development, communicate more effectively, work within a team, and understand policies and procedures. To learn more about Behavioral Wellness trainings please contact: Natalia Rossi at nrossi@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

South Counties Regional Partnership Update: As the fiscal agents for the Southern Counties Regional Partnership (SCRCP), Behavioral Wellness hosted a two day conference in Pomona, themed "Person-Centered Engagement Strategies." The conference was attended by over 200 mental health staff from the ten counties in the SCRCP collaborative. Featured Keynote Topics included Informed Consent and the Role of Mental Health in the Care of Transgender Individuals, Engaging Underserved Communities as Partners in an Effort to Reduce Health Disparities, and Really Bad Therapy and What We Can Learn from Our Failures. All topics were enthusiastically received, and the SCRCP intends to replicate the success of the conference next year. Much thanks and congratulations to the **SCRCP team** and **Natalia Rossi, System Training Coordinator** for making this conference a success!

Lompoc Regional Manager Appointed: **Anthony (Tony) J. Hollenback, LCSW** has accepted the employment offer to begin as the new Lompoc Regional Manager for Behavioral Wellness on June 3, 2019. Tony earned his Bachelor of Art in Communications and Psychology from Marquette University and his Master of Art in Social Work from Loyola University of Chicago. Tony brings over 25 years of experience working in the Behavioral Health field. Work experience includes serving as the Director of Spiritual Life for the Archdiocesan Gay and Lesbian Outreach program in Chicago, social work for Chicago Lakeshore Hospital, Behavioral Health Services Director for Interfaith House in Chicago, Field Educator/Trainer for the University of Chicago, and the Manager of Clinical Social Work for Access Community Health Network in Chicago. Most recent experience includes his role as the Director of Family Services for the Village of Niles located in Niles, Illinois. This program offers an integrative prevention/early intervention philosophy of care including crisis intervention, case management, financial assistance, food pantry, behavioral health services and outreach/education for the community. We welcome Tony to Santa Barbara County and to the Department of Behavioral Wellness team!

Behavioral Wellness Employee Relations Manager Appointed: Please join the Human Resources division in welcoming our new Employee Relations Manager, **Rey Guillen**. Rey began with the Department of Behavioral Wellness on March 25, 2019. Rey joins us with more than 20 years of Human Resources and Employee Benefits experience with several California cities and counties. His previous employers have included the counties of Santa Clara, San Mateo and San Bernardino and the cities of Palo Alto and Santa Barbara. Rey attended school at the University of Redlands, School of Business. We welcome Rey to our Behavioral Wellness HR Team!

Behavioral Wellness Contracts Supervisor Appointed: Please join the Contracts Division in welcoming our new Contracts Supervisor, **Christopher Shurland**. His first day with Behavioral Wellness was February 26, 2019. Chris received his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law. He has a B.S. degree in Business Administration. Chris is a licensed California attorney with 14 years of professional experience drafting and

negotiating a wide variety of public and private sector contracts. He is familiar with every aspect of contracts from negotiation and drafting to analysis and contract litigation in both the public and private sectors. His most recent experience is as a Senior Contracts Analyst at the University of California, Berkley. He has represented and worked closely with businesses in California and Illinois. As a counselor and business advisor, he has assisted start-ups and small to mid-sized businesses in a variety of fields including broadcasting, medical device innovation, and a behavior health provider for special needs children. His experience includes various supervisory and project lead roles. One of his main projects will be developing a contract monitoring plan for Behavioral Wellness to comply the Managed Care Final Rule requirements.

Lompoc (West County) Regional Partnership Update: The Lompoc West County Regional Partnership Meeting occurs every other month on the third Tuesday. The next meeting is May 21st, 3:30-4:30 at 301 N. R Street. This meeting is well attended and valued by community agencies. The Lompoc regional partnership meetings focus on sustaining and strengthening crucial community partnerships, such as those with the Public Health Department, Department of Social Services, local law enforcement, Vandenberg Air force Base, Lompoc Valley Medical Center, and a variety of community-based organizations (CBOs) providing mental health and/or substance abuse treatment to promote cross-sector collaboration. The meeting has given the local community based organizations the opportunity to share available resources, and changes within their program.

During the recent meeting in March, with many organizations in attendance, Jeanie Sleigh, Health Center Administrator for the Lompoc Health Care Center, provided an update on the River Park Triage effort. She shared that the majority of individuals who were transitioned from the Lompoc riverbed have either returned to reside in the riverbed or have set up other camps locally. In collaboration with Lompoc Valley Medical Center staff, Jeannie Sleigh also provided an update on the Homeless Discharge Legislation (SB 1152). The implementation of SB 1152 is reported to be going well and supported by the BridgeHouse Shelter which offers many respite beds for those in need for up to 7 days. The Lompoc Valley Medical Center Hospital has hired a full time case-manager in the emergency department which has been successful in coordinating aftercare appointments with primary care providers. The Lompoc Valley Medical Center Foundation Education program will be providing a panel discussion on May 22, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for the community. This program is titled “Demystifying the Stigma of Mental Health – Who to Turn to.” The panelist will include representation from the Lompoc Behavioral Wellness team as well as other organizational provider staff.

Also at the March meeting, Michael Allen, Behavioral Wellness Team Supervisor for the Lompoc Crisis Program, provided an update on the new Behavioral Wellness Children’s Triage Program. Yvonne Nelson, CALM Manager, shared that CALM is now accepting direct referrals for children ages 0-9 who meet medical necessary criteria for specialty mental health services. An update on the Lompoc Recovery Learning Center (RLC) reported an average of 30 people per day using the resources at the RLC. Upcoming RLC activities include the “Be Unique” Talent Show and Bowl-a-Thon.

The next meeting will take place on May 21st, 3:30-4:30 at 301 N. R Street.

Santa Maria Regional Partnership Update: The Santa Maria North County Regional Partnership Meetings are held monthly at the Santa Maria Adult Outpatient Clinic located at 500 W Foster Road in Santa Maria, CA (large conference room):

- Children’s Regional Partnership Meeting – 3rd Mondays @ 10:00 am – 11:00 am
- Adult Regional Partnership Meeting – 3rd Mondays @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Santa Maria regional partnership meetings focus on promoting the expansion of cross-sector collaboration through strengthening and sustaining key community partnerships, such as those with the County of Santa Barbara Public Health Department, Department of Social Services, law enforcement and a variety of community-based organizations (CBO) providing mental health and/or substance abuse treatment for children, transition age youth (TAY) and adults in Santa Maria. The partnership meetings in March included a training by Celeste Andersen, JD, Behavioral Wellness Chief of Compliance, on the use of the department's recently developed Universal Release of Information (ROI) form. Celeste shared of this form aiming to improve information sharing and continuity of care among treating providers. Additionally, program presentations were provided by Vicente Herrera, Outreach Coordinator, from the R.M. Pyles Boys Camp, along with Michael Heck, Sr. Project Director and Caroline Paine and Peggy Still, Program Coordinators, from Community Solutions, Inc.'s Santa Maria Day Reporting Center (DRC) to link parolees to mental health services.

Santa Barbara Regional Partnership Update:

Adult Regional Partnership meeting

During the most recent meeting, John Lewis, Forensic Services Manager for the Department of Behavioral Wellness, joined to provide a helpful presentation on clients who have been found "Incompetent to Stand Trial ('IST') and discussed related departmental impacts. Some key facts learned on ISTs include the declaration of IST being a fundamental right and legal standard in federal and state criminal courts, by definition a person cannot be tried while determined IST, the IST declaration process includes the court order for an evaluation by an outside expert, if found IST the process for restoration to competency, and that if a person is not able to be restored to competency that charges will be dismissed. Santa Barbara County has seen the same increase in ISTs as has been seen on a National level and continues to work toward solutions to the impacts of this increase.

Childrens' Regional Partnership meeting

With many in attendance, Jessica Ambroz, social worker for the Goleta Union School District, presented several updates of happenings within her school district. Goleta Union School District is working to build a bridge from home to school to support students with their learning. Jessica plays a key role in many of these related activities. She shared of a successful "pop up" event which recently occurred and offered eye care and dental screenings for youth. She also shared of her role within the Goleta Union School District serving as a therapist as well as support within the Center for Therapeutic Education (CTE) at Ellwood school. Jessica also serves as the primary contact for families experiencing barriers to learning such as homelessness and families in crisis. The district is looking to bring additional interns on to expand the work which Jessica is currently performing. Jessica's presentation was part of the larger efforts of this group to continually expand knowledge of resources for children and youth within the community.

Change Agents Update: Change Agents continue to meet monthly to review and steer active process improvement projects within the department. Some examples of active projects include: making a clinic feel more welcoming through display of client art, increase staff confidence with use of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) screening tools, improving overall staff morale and wellness, and improving quality of care for individuals living in Board and Care residential options. Another significant project is developing educational videos to play in each clinic lobby which will provide information on the department and services offered.

Cultural Competence and Diversity Action Team (CCDAT) Update: Members of the Cultural Competence and Diversity Action Team (CCDAT) are increasing outreach efforts and community presence by participating in family-friendly events throughout the county. Kudos to **Lourdes Syslo** (North County Crisis Services), **Denisse Gonzales Martinez del Campo** (Foster Road Case Manager), and **Enrique Bautista** (Patient Rights Advocate) for participating in several of these events in recent months. Behavioral Wellness staff engaged with 45 individuals at the Just Communities Carnival and Family Fun Day and over 200 people at the Open Streets event in Santa Maria. Staff have also partnered with **Guillermo Gutierrez** (Community Health Center CHC Promotor) and La Ley radio station to go out to the agriculture fields to deliver breakfast and share information and resources on available physical and mental health services. CCDAT would like to thank Santa Maria Adult Clinic supervisors **Elodie Patarias** and **Geoffrey Bernard** and North County Crisis Services Supervisor **Michael Allen** for supporting their staff in community outreach participation.

Children’s System of Care (CSOC) Action Team Update: The CSOC Action Team meetings are held monthly on the 4th Thursdays from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm at the Buellton Recreation Center (301 2nd Street, Room A, Buellton, CA). The CSOC Action Team seeks to integrate a wide variety of leaders and stakeholders invested in collaboration and ongoing systemic enhancements for children’s services throughout Santa Barbara County. The CSOC utilizes the monthly action team meeting forum as a responsible and responsive reflection of current needs and concerns that affect the lives of the youth and families served. Additionally, the CSOC Action Team openly discusses community responses to major incidents affecting the population at large, such as school shootings, natural disasters, the social and political environment, suicides, bullying, DACA/immigration issues, gangs/homicides, multi-generational trauma, and other topics as they arise.

Crisis Action Team Update: The Sheriff’s Department shared of their intent to fund the Sheriff portion of the co-response pilot through the end of this fiscal year. The co-response program has been a huge success and Behavioral Wellness is grateful for the collaborative partnership with the Sheriff Department and their ongoing commitment to this program. In addition, Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD) has agreed to a similar pilot in their department which should start sometime in April. Behavioral Wellness has begun having additional Crisis Services staff ride along with our current co-response team to gain experience for when the SBPD program begins. Both the Sheriff’s Department and Behavioral Wellness are actively applying for numerous grants that will help fund co-response teams throughout the county.

Behavioral Wellness had our state External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) review in March and as part of the review we had two review team members tour the Crisis Hub (Crisis Services office, CSU, PHF) and meet with staff from throughout the Crisis Services continuum. During the exit interview, the review team shared how impressed they were with the Crisis Hub and highlighted the improvements Behavioral Wellness has made in the crisis continuum of care.

Two Extra Help Recovery Assistants have been hired in the Lompoc and Santa Maria Crisis Services offices. These staff will assist with client transportation and be a great support for clients experiencing a mental health crisis in getting the appropriate care they need in a timely manner. These staff will be able to assist with transports to our Crisis Stabilization Unit in Santa Barbara, our Crisis Residential facilities in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, and assist with transports of clients returning to Santa Barbara County from hospital stays in out of county psychiatric hospitals.

Housing Services (HEART) Action Team: The Community Action Plan to Address Homeless (Phase 1) has now been released. For several years, a network of partners has been working in collaboration to make an impact on homelessness within our community. With much positive and impactful work occurring, it is recognized that further progress will take a unified strategic response and a flexible and responsive system of care. In service of that goal, the Community Action Plan to Address Homelessness Phase 1 report seeks to provide analysis of trends and demographics in the Santa Barbara County homeless population and guide the community in the next stages of planning. The purpose of developing a Phase I Community Action Plan is to begin the process of identifying the resource gaps and the strategies needed to address these needs. The Department of Behavioral Wellness has been an active participant in the planning process of this plan. In addition, Behavioral Wellness has contributed technical assistance funds from *No Place Like Home* to help in the co-sponsoring of this report with the Housing and Community Development Division of Santa Barbara County.

CFMAT/Peer Action Team (PAT): The CFMAT/Peer Action Team (PAT) continued to work on the charter development of the team at the last meeting. The team will be continuing their work to finalize the charter at the next in-person meeting to occur in May. An additional focus of the team is the development of a list of members who are interested in serving on job interview panels for the Department of Behavioral Wellness. Those interested would then be called upon as needed. If you are a peer or a family member of a mental health consumer and would like to join this action team, please contact Vanessa Ramos at: vramos@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

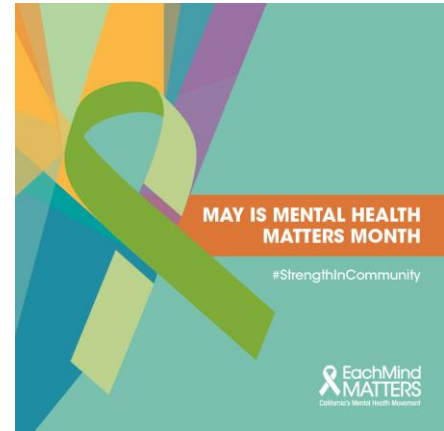
Forensic Action Team Update: Behavioral Wellness' **Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Services (JJMHS)** program staff provide services to youth in the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall and Los Prietos Boy's Camp in collaboration with the Probation Department. These services include assessment, treatment, psycho-education and linkage to community-based programs. Over the past year, JJMHS staff have been working closely with their counterparts in Probation and WellPath, the medical services contractor in these facilities, to achieve accreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC). Accreditation from NCCHC is a process of external peer review that promotes quality medical and behavioral health services. The JJMHS team has identified gaps in its current programming and is taking steps to ensure compliance with NCCHC standards. At present time, medical and behavioral health services in the juvenile facilities are accredited by the Institute for Medical Quality (IMQ).

The next Forensic Action Team meeting will convene on Wednesday **May 22, 2019** from 2-3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Behavioral Wellness' Children's Mental Health Services building, room 119.

NATIONAL AND STATE NEWS

County Behavioral Health Directors Association Announces new Executive Director: The California Behavioral Health Director's Association (CBHDA) welcomes Michelle Doty Cabrera as the new Executive Director for the Association. CBHDA selected Cabrera after an extensive search led by a team of current Board Members and outside partners. Cabrera will join CBHDA on May 6th, 2019 as the first Latina and openly LGBTQ+ Executive Director. Prior to joining CBHDA, Cabrera served as the Healthcare Director for the California State Council of the Services Employees International Union (SEIU California), where she advocated on behalf of healthcare workers and consumers, including SEIU California's behavioral health workers.

Getting Ready for May is Mental Health Awareness Month: This year's theme for the May 2019 Mental Health Awareness Month has been announced as "Strength in Community." Santa Barbara County endured its fair share of devastation this past year. Many in our community may have wondered how they or the community would bounce back. Our community has without doubt reflected incredible resiliency and serves as reminder of the ongoing opportunity to continue resiliency building within our community, within ourselves and within those surrounding us to live longer, healthier and happier lives. This May we encourage the communities in Santa Barbara County to seek out our shared commonalities, strengthen our roads ahead and collectively continue to build the latticework of resiliency. More to come on Mental Health Awareness Month activities in next month's Director's Report.



Each Mind Matters Partners with Major League Baseball to Raise Mental Health Awareness:

During May's Mental Health Awareness Month, Each Mind Matters (EMM) has partnered with California Major League Baseball parks, and one AAA team, to raise awareness about mental health. Join for a fun-filled day to watch your favorite team in action and view the new EMM public service announcement on the jumbotron. Step up to the plate by wearing lime green to show your support! And if you have a social media channel please tag @EachMindMatters and/or use #EachMindMatters. Click on a team to visit the Facebook event page with instructions on how to purchase tickets:

- [San Diego Padres](#): Wednesday, May 8 @ 12:40 p.m. vs. NY Mets
- [San Francisco Giants](#): Wednesday, May 15 @ 12:45 p.m. vs. Toronto Blue Jays
- [Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim](#): Sunday, May 19 @ 1:07 p.m. vs. Kansas City Royals
- [Sacramento River Cats](#): Friday, May 24 @ 7:05 p.m. vs. Salt Lake Bees
- [Oakland A's](#): Saturday, May 25 @ 1:07 p.m. vs. Seattle Mariners
- [Los Angeles Dodgers](#): Thursday, May 30 @ 7:10 p.m. vs. NY Mets

SYSTEMS CHANGE CALENDAR

- **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 and the Santa Maria Clinic Conference Room. Questions: Karen Campos, kcampos@co.santa-barbara.ca.us
- **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; Lompoc Conference Room, ACT, upstairs, 401 E. Cypress and Large conference room, 500 West Foster Road, Santa Maria. Questions: Dalila Brown, dbrown@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

- **Lompoc Regional Partnership Meeting:** Meetings occur every other month on the third Tuesday at 301 N. R Street. Questions: Nicole Becker, nbecker@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
- **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.
- **Santa Maria Children’s Regional Partnership Meeting** is held every 3rd Monday of the month at 10 am in the large meeting room at the Foster Road Clinic. Questions: Shana Burns at sburns@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: Elodie Patarias, epatari@co.santa-barbara.ca.us or Geoff Bernard, gbernard@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. The next meeting is **June 12, 2019**. Locations: Behavioral Wellness Conference Room 261 and Santa Maria Annex via videoconference. Contact Laura Zeitz, lazeitz@sbcswell.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 Yaneris Muñiz at 805-681-5208 or ymuniz@co.santa-barbara.ca.us
- **The Peer Action Team** meets the second Thursday of the Month from 2 – 4:00 pm. Locations: Behavioral Wellness Santa Barbara Conference Room 261, Lompoc Children’s New Port Room the Santa Maria Annex Room via videoconference.
- **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 John Winckler, jwinckler@sbcswell.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 Shana Burns at sburns@co.santa-barbara.ca.us
- **Forensic Action Team** will be meeting every other month on the 4th Wednesday from 2:00 – 3:30. The meeting will be held at the Behavioral Wellness Children’s Mental Health Services building, room 119, located at 429 N. San Antonio Rd in Santa Barbara. **Please note:** The next meeting taking place on **May 22** will meet in **room 127** (not room 119). Anyone wishing to join by videoconference or have questions may contact John Lewis in advance (805-450-2545) to make arrangements.