

January 5, 2018

To: Santa Clara County MHSA Stakeholders, Community Partners and BHSD Staff

From: Toni Tullys, Director, Behavioral Health Services Department

RE: Seeking Applications for Mental Health Services Act Stakeholder Leadership Committee

As we enter the New Year, the Behavioral Health Services Department is preparing for the next Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Three Year Planning Process. This required process provides us with an opportunity to renew the Department's commitment to the community program planning process and to invite you to apply to serve on the new MHSA Stakeholder Leadership Committee (SLC). Application documents are attached.

Proposition 63, widely known as the MHSA, was passed by California voters in November 2004. Since its inception, consumers, parents, families and representatives from diverse, underserved communities have played a leadership role in the development of MHSA programs and services. Santa Clara County's MHSA SLC and community planning process will include a broad array of our local stakeholders.

The primary role of the MHSA SLC is to assure that the recommended MHSA Plan:

- Reflects local needs and priorities
- Contains the appropriate balance of services within available resources
- Meets the criteria and goals established by the State Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)

Since Spring 2017, the Department has been working with Resource Development Associates (RDA), a Bay Area consultant organization, to conduct a system level assessment of the 2014-2017 MHSA Plan. RDA has extensive experience with the MHSA principles, funding, programs and services. Over the past several months, the RDA team has conducted the system evaluation through focus groups, interviews and surveys, a detailed analysis of service utilization, finances and outcomes, and the identification of system strengths and service gaps. These findings and recommendations will provide the foundation for the MHSA Three Year Planning Process for 2018-2020.

Please find attached the MHSA SLC Roles and Responsibilities, MHSA SLC Application and MHSA Planning Process Timeline, which mirror the MHSA's intent and purpose. Applications must be submitted on or before January 22, 2018. Orientation and meeting dates will be available and posted prior to the January 22 submission deadline. The County's MHSA Three-Year Planning Process will launch in early February 2018, following the selection and orientation of a robust and dedicated MHSA SLC that reflects Santa Clara County's diversity.

For additional information or questions, please contact, Evelyn Tirumalai, MHSA Coordinator, at evelyn.tirumalai@hhs.sccgov.org or call (408) 885-5785.

Thank you.