



To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Birgitta E. Corsello, County Administrator  
Date: February 22, 2019  
Subject: Significant Issues Update

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### **1) County Administrator's update on contracts**

The County Administrator signed the following contracts within her authority since the last Significant Issues memo, including:

- (1) The department of Health and Social Services, Public Health division, a contract amendment with Community Medical Centers, Inc., to provide HIV/AIDS case management services, an amendment of \$32,186 (for an updated total of \$107,876), effective starting July 1, 2017 to March 31, 2019. The funding sources is the Ryan White HIV Federal Grant.
- (2) The Public Defender, a contract with Lawyers for America, to provide law fellowships for implementation of the Lawyers for America internship program, a two-year work experience program, \$49,000, effective October 1, 2018 to October 1, 2020. The funding source is County General Fund.

### **2) Update on implementation of Triple P Parenting Education Program**

With funding from the First 5 Solano Commission and Mental Health Services Act, the Triple P Parenting Education Program is being implemented as a parenting education strategy throughout the County this fiscal year. From July through October 2018, 35 practitioners participated in extensive Triple P training across four levels of parenting education interventions to receive accreditation.

The 35 practitioners represent 8 agencies providing varying levels of Triple P services.

Those agencies include:

- Child Haven
- Child Start, Inc.
- Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District – Adult School
- Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District – Healthy Start Family Resource Center
- Parents by Choice
- Rio Vista Care
- Solano County Office of Education (SCOE)
- Solano Family and Children's Services (SFCS)

While Triple P is still early in the implementation stage, there have been several initial successes. Strong partnerships with many schools have been established, with parenting classes available to families with young children. Additionally, Child Start Inc., who had a successful Triple P program already established in Napa, has expanded their work to support Solano families.

First 5 Solano provides regular mid-year and year-end reports to its Commission and will include updates on the Triple P program via this regular reporting cycle.

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### **3) Human Services Needs Assessment update**

In September 2018, the Board of Supervisors endorsed conducting a human service needs assessment (HSNA) to identify the greatest human service needs in the county and create a durable framework of desired outcomes with clearly defined indicators. This 3-step assessment process consists of data gathering, key informant interviews, and a community survey. This information will be reviewed and curated by a workgroup to develop recommendations for consideration by the Board of Supervisors that aid in decision-making during the budget process.

The workgroup is comprised of a group of department heads that engage in service delivery as part of their role, and includes the County Administrator and 2 Board of Supervisor members. At its Phase 1 and 2 meetings in December 2018 and January 2019, respectively, the workgroup reviewed data, lists of questions, identified and interviewed key informants and showed where gaps exist. Applied Survey Research, the consultant for this assessment, conducted these key informant interviews starting late December and into January.

At its next meeting in March, the workgroup will review the findings from the community survey, review the synthesized information across all 3 phases of the assessment and use this information to begin development of recommendations for BOS consideration of the highest human services needs to address in Solano County.

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### **4) Update on Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging Services**

On January 1, 2019, the Department of Health & Social Services, Public Health Division, Older & Disabled Adult Services Bureau (ODAS) assumed administrative responsibilities for the Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging. The Bureau has secured twelve emergency contracts previously issued by the California Department of Aging (CDA) to provide services to residents of Solano and Napa Counties for the period January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

New contracts will need to be issued to distribute remaining funds in the CDA categories of Supportive Services Federal Title IIIB and Family Caregiver Federal Title IIIE. Approximately \$446,000 remains to be distributed in these categories. Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging staff is actively seeking solutions to distribute these identified, available funds.

The Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging Oversight Board has been established and has met twice. The Oversight Board will meet monthly through June 2019. Applications are available on the Solano County website for membership on the Advisory Council. First review is expected to be completed by February 28, 2019.

Three full-time staffs have been hired to support the activities of the Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging, including Elaine Clark, Project Manager; Jay Penno, Staff Analyst; and Cherrylene Merrera, Accountant.

Revisions to the fourth year of the current four-year area plan will be provided to CDA within the next couple of months. The subsequent four-year area plan, covering July 2020 through June 2024, will be based on a senior needs assessment being conducted by staff over the next several months.

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## **5) Update on Laura's Law Assisted Outpatient Treatment**

At the January 22, 2019 meeting the Board approved a two-year pilot implementation of Laura's Law also known as Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) effective as of the meeting date. The program provides a mechanism for individuals with identified relationships to a person who meets specific clinical/behavioral criteria, to refer the individual to the Mental Health Director for consideration of outpatient care, with the potential referral for an issued court order to participate in an outpatient treatment plan.

The following timeline supports a launch date of March 1, 2019, which will be marked by the posting of the referral and contact information on the Solano County Health & Social Services, Behavioral Health, public website. The following milestones have been completed:

- Inform and train Mental Health Access phone staff (who receive calls for service request and triage into the system or elsewhere) on the program and eligibility for screening
- Inform the adult specialty service teams regarding the implementation and expectations regarding program assignment
- Create court report document template
- County Counsel has been assigned to work with mental health to review, upon request of the Division, the appropriateness of a referral to the court and subsequently file petitions with the Court.

The following milestones for implementation are in process or pending development:

- Complete and post a written referral that the community can use to fax or email with their referral information. This document is under development to be posted by 3/1/19 and copies will be shared with law enforcement, Probation, mental health providers, and referring psychiatric hospitals.
- Create a brief AOT brochure – to be completed and posted by March 1, 2019.
- Update other written materials to include this service among others offered – this will be an ongoing project as there are many brochures and fliers associated with mental health services.
- Policies and Procedures will generally follow all Full-Service Partnership service guidelines, with the added protocols for involving referral to the Courts to be completed within 3 months of the first referral to the program.
- Work with the Court to determine which court environment each referral is most appropriate for judicial monitoring. This will be most effective with live cases.

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