



Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Update January 2023

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BHRS Community Wellness, and Safe Rx Mendocino Opioid Safety Coalition has received an Accelerator mini grant for \$10,000, which will be used to work towards advancing equity in substance use prevention in Mendocino County. We will be developing and conducting a survey to collect feedback from community members on better ways to advance equity in Mendocino County. BHRS continues to recruit for positions in Mobile Crisis, Mobile Outreach, and Community Wellness. These positions work in the community to meet individuals where they are and to reduce risk factors associated with mental health symptoms, substance use, and to respond to crisis (depending on the position). Positions include Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist, Community Health Worker, and Community Health Support Specialists. SUDT has received two separate grants, the SABG ARPA discretionary grant, which we are using to purchase curriculum that will include Trauma and PTSD workbooks, Suicide prevention workbooks, My ongoing recovery workbooks and DVDs about Opioids. These will be distributed to the Ukiah, Fort Bragg and Willits offices. This grant also included electronic equipment (Desktop computers and monitors, adobe pro software licenses, as well as office supplies). The COSSAP grant for this fiscal year is being used to purchase the items for the To-go-bags which are currently being assembled for distribution. Plans are being put together for the purchase of NARCAN, as well as the table swag items for touring the county, are being delivered weekly and assembled for distribution. SUDT continues to recruit for positions in the Fort Bragg, and Ukiah offices. These positions are for work in the Units, Juvenile Hall and the Mendocino County Jail, as well as the Mendocino County Superior Courts. Positions include Substance Use Counselors I & II. BHRS is working with Redwood Community Services on a California Health Facilities Financing Authority Grant to develop a Crisis Residential Treatment program for youth. The grant will fund the purchase of the property and renovation. BHRS is applying for a grant for funding to support the building of the Psychiatric Health Facility. If awarded through the BHCIP grant, fewer Measure B funds will be needed for building the PHF.