



## Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Update January 2023

### A Safe and Healthy County

Our Office of the Conservator was created in line with the Lanterman-Petris Short Act (LPS) to provide oversight and care for our Conserved Mendocino County residents. We go above and beyond the call of care and advocacy by treating each of our clients as if they were our family members, and we wanted to make sure that our family had presents to open during this holiday season. To make this happen, BHRS' Office of the Conservator hosted our first annual sock and glove drive during the start of the holiday season. Thanks to the generosity of those who contributed, we were able to send care packages to all of our conserved clients. We intend to continue this tradition and are looking forward to other ways to help support the gravely disabled Mendocino County residents, who we advocate for while fighting to reduce stigma and ensure those within our county who are in need of mental health services have access to them. As a result, we are creating a safe and healthy community together. The Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SUDT) program has secured Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) funding and is moving forward to purchase NARCAN to distribute throughout the county. Funds will also be used to create to-go bags with items of need such as toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, t-shirt, socks, and undergarments, as well as deodorant. SUDT also applied for a State Opioid Response grant to gain more access to NARCAN.

