



**Contra Costa County Behavioral Health Services
Behavioral Health Community Infrastructure Program
and Community Care Expansion - Meeting Summary**

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BHCIP Committee: The BHCIP Committee includes leadership from CCBHS administration; Adult/Older Adult, Children and Youth, and Alcohol and Other Drug (AODS) systems of care, and the Office of Consumer Empowerment; representatives from NAMI, the Mental Health Commission, the AODS Advisory Board, and the Behavioral Health Care Partnership; and two other mental health advocates, Teresa Pasquini and Lauren Rettagliata. The BHCIP Committee met on:

- 3/15: Project Kickoff
- 4/1: Interim Check-in
- 5/5: Needs Assessment Preview
- 5/24: Action Planning

Information Gathering: Key informant interviews and focus groups discussions were held to specifically gather information about the relevant needs and opportunities in the County. This included:

- 4/21: Gigi Crowder, NAMI Executive Director
- 4/15: Office of Consumer Empowerment Staff and Peer Providers
- 4/18: Children's System of Care Teams
- 4/22: AODS System of Care Teams
- 4/26: Adult and Older Adult System of Care Teams
- 4/26: CCRMC Psychiatrists and PES/Inpatient Leadership
- 5/2: Current CCBHS Consumers
- 5/12: David Seidner, Detention Mental Health
- 5/12: Natalie Dimidjian, A3 and Forensic Mental Health

Community Engagement: There were also two general community meetings where stakeholders could participate in the process and provide feedback about the needs assessment and action plan.

- 4/18: Community Kickoff Meeting – Targeted to members of relevant advisory bodies including the Mental Health Commission, Consolidated Planning Advisory Work Group, Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory Body and the Behavioral Health Community Partnership
- 5/16: Needs Assessment Presentation



Partner Engagement: Informational sessions were held with current and prospective contract providers, nonprofit housing developers, Board and Care operators, and other interested parties. Opportunities to provide feedback about relevant needs and opportunities were included in these informational sessions.

- 4/12: AODS Contract Providers
- 4/21: CCMH Contract Providers
- 4/28: Board and Care Operators
- 5/2: Housing and Other Services Providers, Nonprofit Housing Developers

Following these informational sessions, direct TA was requested and provided to Ujima Family Recovery Services and Resources for Community Development (RCD).

Property Workgroup: CCBHS has convened a workgroup consisting of representatives from CCHS, Public Works Real Estate, and Capital Projects that meets regularly to review property and grant specifications, develop project timelines to marry County process with grant requirements, and explore potential properties that could be used for a BHCIP project. This group has met on 4/25, 5/23, 6/2, 6/8, 6/16, and 6/22.