

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORK PLAN

CHCN's Behavioral Health team is committed to supporting the expansion and integration of behavioral health within the health centers, as well as coordination and collaboration with the county behavioral health care system. The below focus areas guide our work:



INTEGRATED & MEANINGFUL BH DATA

CHCN/AHC is committed to ensuring that health centers have access to integrated and meaningful behavioral health data. This includes using OCHIN and Tableau to better understand integrated care occurring within the health centers, as well as using the Community Health Record (CHR) to track BH patients utilizing services outside of the health centers. These initiatives will result in data-driven strategies to improve BH and integrated care.



PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION

CHCN/AHC is committed to supporting health centers in the expansion and coordination of perinatal, pediatric, and adolescent BH services. This will further integrate the medical and behavioral health departments at the health centers, while addressing prevention and early intervention of mental illness in all patients, including youth.



BH CRISIS INTERVENTION & SUPPORT

CHCN/AHC advocates for and with our health centers and county partners to divert our BH patients from the criminal justice system. We will focus on community-based and preventative care, and work toward disrupting the pipeline from crisis situations to incarceration.



SUPPORTING PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

CHCN/AHC is committed to increasing the capacity of Primary Care Providers (PCPs) to address and treat BH disorders and SUD. In addition to hosting trainings and fostering collaboration, the CHCN/AHC team will be working to increase utilization of e-consultation services.



BH POLICY & ADVOCACY

CHCN/AHC is committed to representing our HCs in state-wide policy/advocacy efforts around BH, with the goal of improved and equitable access to BH services within FQHCs (specific to Medi-Cal managed care)



PROMOTION OF BH EQUITY

CHCN/AHC is committed to addressing behavioral health disparities within our patient population and increasing access to culturally aligned behavioral health services.