

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency



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Dear Stakeholders:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), herein referred to as the State, are pleased to release the 2015 application for membership on the Pathways to Mental Health Services Community Team.

As part of the State's responsibility to ensure that children and youth in the child welfare system receive entitled mental health services to best meet their individualized needs, a shared management structure is being formed comprised of several teams. These teams include an Executive Team, Community Team, State Team and ad hoc workgroups as needed. The institution of this shared management structure will support the on-going work of mental health and child welfare coordination of care and the Community Team will serve a critical role in this endeavor.

The Community Team will be comprised of youth, parents, providers, an advocate, a local Child Welfare Services representative, a local Mental Health Plan representative, a local Probation Agency representative, a tribal representative, a County Welfare Directors Association representative, a County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California representative, a CDSS State Team member, a DHCS State Team member and two members of the Executive Team. The Community Team will provide input, advice and feedback to the Executive and State Teams regarding policies and practice related to the Core Practice Model and service delivery, data collection, quality improvements and accountability.

The Community Team will meet quarterly with the first meeting tentatively calendared for the end of April 2015. Community Team members' participation is for at least one year and members may also contribute to time-limited focused workgroups. Quarterly meetings will be held in Sacramento; however, a conference line will be available for those unable to attend in person.

Enclosed with this letter is the application for participation on the Pathways to Mental Health Services Community Team. Applications are due to the State by **April 10, 2015**. Applications will be reviewed by the State Team and final selections will be determined by the Executive Team. Applicants will be notified of the final Community Team selection by April 17, 2015.

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Applications may be electronically submitted to KatieA@dss.ca.gov or KatieA@dhcs.ca.gov or mailed to:

Attn: Pathways to Mental Health Services Community Team
California Department of Social Services
Resources Development and Training Support Bureau
744 P Street, MS 8-11-86
Sacramento, CA 95814

Or

Attn: Pathways to Mental Health Services Community Team
California Department of Health Care Services
Mental Health Services Division
Program Policy and Quality Assurance Branch
1500 Capitol Avenue, Suite 230, MS 2702
Sacramento, CA 95814

We look forward to receiving your application and are excited to further the hard work and dedication of our counties to provide individualized and coordinated care that will increase the well-being of the children, youth and families we serve.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure