



MEETING NOTES

Meeting Purpose: This meeting convened health care providers, community-based organizations, and social service agencies to learn about the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Support (CS) Services for the Pediatric Population of Focus as well as the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's efforts to address behavioral health in schools.

Attendees:

- Priscila Bacio
- Laura Wishart
- Trudy Bearden
- Allison Guevara
- Jorina Elbers
- Thomas Hicken
- Audrey Jones
- Britta Vigurs
- Cal Gordon
- Cameo Culcasi
- Dan Chavez
- Devon Francis
- Dennis Haines
- Diana Valadez
- Julie Olivarez
- Cassandra Flores
- Kathryn Vandervort
- Lauren Fein
- Mariela Barba
- Primavera Hernandez
- Rebeca Nolazco
- Rosio Sanchez
- Sage Cotton
- Scott Prysi
- Suzette Reuschel-DiVirgilio

May 2023 CoP Jamboard Session Recap

- Laura Wishart provided a recap of the May 2023 CoP Jamboard Session.

Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports for the Pediatric Population of Focus

- Trudy Bearden, HIP Consultant shared the populations of focus for ECM and CS, highlighting that the population of focus now include pediatric patients.
- Trudy reviewed the CalAIM ECM Policy Guide eligibility criteria for children and youth.
- Trudy shared resources for ECM and CS information and services.
- Trudy invited members to attend the next PATH Collaborative meeting that will be on Thursday, July 27, 8:30 - 10 AM.

Centering Wellness: The Role of Schools in Addressing Behavioral Health

- Lauren Fein, Director of Behavioral Health from the Santa Cruz County Office of Education shared the initiatives to address the need for behavioral health services in schools.
- Lauren highlighted the gaps in services.
- Lauren shared the ongoing efforts and initiatives at schools to address gaps in services.
 - COE is providing staff, parent, and student training (ie. Youth Mental Health First Aid, Peer Support Groups, etc.)
 - The Companion Project resulted from unsuccessful referral processes and led to COE training staff to provide the behavioral health services themselves through appropriate training.
 - Providing care management services to link students to behavioral health resources.
 - COE's goal is to open wellness centers at all high schools by Spring of 2023/24 school year.
 - The purpose of including wellness centers in schools is to connect students with counseling, mentoring, peer-to-peer support regardless of insurance status.
- Lauren reviewed the multi-tiered systems of support services that determine level of intervention.
- Lauren shared the outcomes of the COE's efforts.

Discussion:

- Allison Guevara welcomed promotores and community health workers to share their thoughts, comments, and/or questions that they have for the presenters.
- Allison prompted members to share their questions and thoughts on the information that was shared from the presentations.
 - Promotores and community health workers (CHW) have skills but are limited because they are not licensed. Applying the same concept of the COE training their staff so they can provide the services themselves can also be beneficial for promotores and CHWs.
 - Schools becoming hubs for wellness for students is a new step forward to help out the community, in particular the pediatric population.

Closing

- Our next ACEs Community of Practice meeting is on Wednesday, July 26, 12 - 1 pm.