



▶▶ **DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:  
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
March 23, 2023**

Connie D. Draxler, Acting Chief Deputy Director  
Department of Mental Health



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# ▶▶ DMH HIRING EFFORTS TO DATE

- FY 2021-22: 519 hires / promotions
- From July 2022 – February 2023:
  - ◀ 227 hires / 392 promotions: 619 hires & promotions
- Clinic Programs: (Adult Outpatient, Child / Family Outpatient, Full Service Partnership)
  - ◀ For the month of February 2023:
    - 31 positions filled
    - 72 positions pending hiring transactions (candidates selected/ pending/start dates pending)
    - 192 positions currently in stages of recruitment (actively interviewing)

# ▶▶ DMH HIRING EFFORTS: LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

## February 2023

- ◁ DMH Director
- ◁ Departmental Information Security Officer (CIOB)



# ▶▶ CalAIM UPDATE

- BH Payment Reform is rolling out July 1, 2023. The finance division has been working across all divisions to prepare the programs and contractors for the upcoming changes
- DMH continues to meet regularly with the health plans to ensure that services are being delivered to our shared members
- DMH is currently providing ECM to adults with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- DMH and DPH SAPC worked together to submit their second round of documents to DHCS for BHQIP incentive payment 2



# ▶▶ CARE ACT UPDATE

- DMH continues the DMH internal workgroup
- DMH continues to participate in the CBHDA 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort Counties workgroup
- DMH participated in a 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort Counties meeting with CalHHS on 3/10/23 in Sacramento
- CEO has established a workgroup including county departments and Superior Court. There is a retreat 3/24/23
- CEO participates in a 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort Counties workgroup. Acting Chief Deputy Director Connie Draxler attends with CEO Fesia Davenport
- DMH will begin presentations to stakeholders, community groups, etc. In collaboration with CEO, DMH will begin drafting a communications strategy including a website and FAQ
- 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort Counties are waiting on decisions regarding court forms and rules from Judicial Council and waiting on funding for legal representation agencies for CARE participants
- County continues to advocate for additional funding from the State for CARE Act implementation

Thank you



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