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Sonoma County Opens New Behavioral Health Campus

SANTA ROSA, CA – The Sonoma County Department of Health Services (DHS) will relocate its Santa Rosa-based Behavioral Health programs to a single campus that allows for multiple services and increased accessibility in the most populous area of the County.

“Having a single location dedicated to behavioral health services in Sonoma County is a huge win for our residents,” said District 3 Supervisor Shirlee Zane, a strong behavioral health proponent who led relocation efforts. “Multiple services will be located in one place, which will improve care coordination and provide a better overall experience for clients.”

The plan for a Behavioral Health Campus began with restructuring efforts in 2012 that integrated multiple behavioral health services within the Behavioral Health division and will help the County provide care for the clients it is mandated to serve.

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors approved the final phase of the Behavioral Health Campus late last year as a strategic priority to strengthen the County’s safety net services.

A Behavioral Health Campus will improve service quality, according to DHS Director Barbie Robinson. The Department will be able to provide additional support for those with complex needs and improve access and ease of use for patients in recovery from mental illness or substance abuse disorders.

“This model of co-location and integration of services has been shown to enhance the continuity of care for service users that ultimately result in improved outcomes,” said Robinson.

Supervisor James Gore, Chairman of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, said the new site, close to Highway 101 and Highway 12, is an accessible location for residents living in outlying regions of the County.

Behavioral Health Services Moving to 2225-2255 Challenger Way in Santa Rosa

- Adult Mental Health Services moved to 2235 and 2245 Challenger Way July 31.
- Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) moved to 2255 Challenger Way July 31, 2018.
- Goodwill Industries of Redwood Empire (GIRE) Wellness Center moved to 2245 Challenger Way August 3, 2018.

Additional moves are scheduled in the fall for the following programs:

- Mobile Support Team (MST)
- Crisis Assessment and Prevention Education (CAPE) program
- Whole Person Care program (formerly Community Intervention Program)
- Driving Under the Influence (DUI) program
- Youth and Family program

“One of the goals we identified years ago was the importance of having a single location for behavioral health services and placing it in an area where a majority of our residents could access these services,” Gore said. “It shows our clients we understand their need to have these services located near major highways and public transit stops.”

Gore went on to say, “Additionally, there will be smaller models of an integrated service center in Guerneville for West County and Petaluma in South County.”

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