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Santa Clara County 2016 Behavioral Health Board

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Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Board



COMMUNITY HEROES RECEPTION

May 4, 2016
San Jose Masonic Temple
2500 Masonic Drive
San Jose, CA



SANTA CLARA COUNTY
Behavioral Health Services

2016 BHB Community Heroes



Agency

EMQ FamiliesFirst, Laura Champion
Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy ~ Rev. Robinson

Consumer

Alicia Garcia Escobedo

Elected Official

Supervisor Cindy Chavez

Family Member

Juan Perez

Mover and Shaker

Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
Mental Health Advocacy Project
Alison Brunner and Hilary Armstrong

Program

BHSD Law Enforcement Liaison
John Costa and Tony Lopez
Herman Health Care Center ~ The Sollis Family

2:00 Registration

2:30 Welcome

Gail A. Price, Behavioral Health Board Chair

Rev. Evelyn Vigil, Invocation

Toni Tullys, MPA, Director

Behavioral Health Services Department

René G. Santiago

Deputy County Executive, SCVHHS

The Honorable Dave Cortese, President

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

3:15 Keynote Address

Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, MD, PhD

Center for Reducing Health Disparities

UC Davis School of Medicine

3:40 Presentation of Awards and Commendations

- Hero Awards
- Recognition of Former BHB Members
 - ◊ Carla Holtzclaw and David Speicher
- CIT Officers of the Year
 - ◊ Officer Jeff Brandon, Morgan Hill
 - ◊ Officer Joshua Craig, Santa Clara
 - ◊ Officer Mark Cutler, Campbell
 - ◊ Officer Greg Ienni, Mountain View
 - ◊ Officer John Muok, Milpitas
 - ◊ Deputy Tami Parker, SCC Sheriff
 - ◊ Lieutenant Rita Roland, SCC Sheriff
 - ◊ Deputy Jeromie Smith, SCC Sheriff
 - ◊ Officer Robin Smith, Sunnyvale
 - ◊ Officer Brad Young, Palo Alto

4:30 Closing and Reception

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AGENCY HERO

EMQ FamiliesFirst, Laura Champion

EMQ FamiliesFirst provides a range of critical behavioral health services for children and adolescents in Santa Clara County and in the State of California. The program/services help youth and families recover from trauma, such as abuse, severe neglect, addiction and poverty. The Continuum of Crisis Services include the Crisis Stabilization Unit, Mobile Crisis and the Community Transition Team to help children recover from immediate crisis and stabilize safely at home. The team can also facilitate hospitalization when needed with compassionate expert care and full family involvement. All services at EMQFF are individualized and culturally responsive in support of health and wellness in our communities.

CONSUMER HERO

Alicia Garcia Escobedo

Alicia Garcia Escobedo's outstanding and effective work with high-need families served by Family & Children Services of Silicon Valley (FCS) is guided by her own journey of facing trauma and its effects, including living in recovery and successfully reuniting with and raising her children. She has dedicated her career to working with survivors of partner abuse, child abuse, substance abuse, and trauma. Today, she engages high-risk students and families in supportive services and breaks stigma around behavioral health through culturally competent, strengths based services. Inspired by her experiences and success in redefining her life, Alicia strives to empower others with behavioral health challenges to recognize their own potential and find their own paths.

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AGENCY HERO

Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy, Inc., Rev. David Robinson

Since its inception 50 years ago, the Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy, Inc., (CIC Ministries) has provided spiritual support and pastoral care to the mentally ill in the Santa Clara County jails and juvenile system. Chaplains and volunteers make the rounds and provide counsel, support, books, reading glasses, singing and prayer if desired. All chaplains and several volunteers have been trained to work with inmates with mental health conditions. For the past five years, specially trained volunteers have also offered "Finding Inner Peace" and Writing in Prayer." Additionally, the program "Art and Spirit" has been offered to inmates in some units who want to create artwork; a recent display was featured at the San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles and at several churches in the County.

PROGRAM HERO

Herman Health Care Center - The Sollis Family

Herman Health Care Center in Willow Glen has operated for over 80 years despite the significant programmatic and financial challenges that gero-psych facilities face. The Center provides exceptional care for stabilized older clients that have a behavioral health diagnosis. The Sollis Family has provided very important services and has exceeded community expectations over the years due to the family's dedication and contribution to the gero-psych care of thousands of community members.



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MOVER AND SHAKER HERO

Alison Brunner and Hilary Armstrong, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley's Mental Health Advocacy Project (MHAP):

Since 1978, serving 4,000 people each year, the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley's Mental Health Advocacy Project (MHAP) has empowered people with mental health and developmental disabilities to live more independent, secure and satisfying lives by enforcing their legal rights and advancing their social and economic well-being. MHAP provides free legal advocacy and representation, training and technical assistance for mental health consumers, providers and the community-at-large. Law Foundation CEO Alison Brunner and MHAP Directing Attorney Hilary Armstrong are Movers and Shakers that protect the rights of and actively support the success of all mental health consumers in our community.

ELECTED OFFICIAL HERO

Supervisor Cindy Chavez:

Supervisor Cindy Chavez has been a leader in the preservation and expansion of behavioral health services since assuming office in 2012. She has championed multiple initiatives and convened teams of experts, policy makers, and consumers/families to better understand and improve services to the most vulnerable in the County. Improving access to behavioral health services has resulted in improving security and safety of individuals of varied circumstances. Her work has addressed human trafficking, domestic violence, lack of housing, custody operations and child abuse and neglect.

FAMILY HERO:

Juan Perez

Juan Perez and his wife have been totally dedicated to support their son who contends with severe mental illness; they are devoted to his recovery. Juan improves the lives of other families impacted by mental illness. He is a leader and advocate through the Hispanic ECCAC, as the VP for Spanish Outreach for NAMI Santa Clara County, and as a family outreach worker for the Behavioral Health Services Department. Juan is constantly available to help English and non-English speaking navigate the behavioral health system and get timely and appropriate care for their loved ones. As a native Spanish speaker he provides support, advice, and understanding. Throughout his work, Juan delivers help and hope to individuals and families facing crises that require compassion and action.

PROGRAM HERO

Santa Clara County Law Enforcement Liaison to the Behavioral Health Services Department: John Costa and Tony Lopez:

As retired police officers and the current Law Enforcement Liaisons to the Behavioral Health Services Department, Mr. Costa and Mr. Lopez close the gap between to complex bureaucracies: mental health and the criminal justice systems. They teach the Interactive Video Simulation Training course through the County and the State of California. This training seeks to reduce officer use of force incidents impacting individuals with mental illness while also minimizing the stigma. The training goal is to improve interactions with at-risk individuals that result in safe outcomes and access to appropriate treatment. Mr. Costa and Mr. Lopez use compassionate approaches that ensure the dignity of the clients.