

COMMUNITY FORUM ON MENTAL HEALTH

May 2, 2023

Finley Community Center - 2060 West College Avenue, Santa Rosa

Time	Agenda Item	Panelists
9:00am	Registration & Light Breakfast	
9:15am	Opening welcome	Tina Rivera, Director, Department of Health Services
9:25am	State of Mental Health in Sonoma County	Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
9:50am	Session #1 – Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services and the Opioid Crisis <i>Exploring substance use prevention and stigma-reducing approaches, as well as substance use disorder treatment including harm reduction, early intervention, and recovery strategies that we can collaborate on to address the opioid epidemic, substance use and related harms.</i>	Panel Moderator: Supervisor Lynda Hopkins Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa Struzzo, Department of Health Services • Michael Merchen, Assistant Sheriff • Jasmin Flores, Social Changery • Debra Sanders, Sonoma County Office of Education • Sylvie DeLaCruz, Buckelew
10:55am	Session #2 - Mental Health and Wellness Needs <i>Examining emerging trends in mental health in Sonoma County including the impact of the pandemic and exploring innovative approaches we can take together.</i>	Panel Moderator: Supervisor James Gore Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy Wheelwright, Department of Health Services • Karin Sellite, Department of Health Services • Rebekah Pope, Sonoma County Office of Education • Sean Kelson - Interlink Self Help Center • Mary-Francis Walsh - NAMI
12:00pm	Lunch & Networking	
12:40pm	Session #3 - Crisis Services and Suicide Prevention <i>Understanding the continuum of mental health crisis services in Sonoma County and exploring strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and opportunities as we continue to build the system and strengthen collaborative approaches.</i>	Panel Moderator: Supervisor David Rabbitt Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KT Swan, Buckelew • Helene Barney, Department of Health Services • Wendy Tappon, Department of Health Services • Elece Hempel, Petaluma People Services • Janet Essman, Sutter Hospital • Steve Diamond, North Bay Suicide Prevention • Jeff McGee, Healdsburg Police Department

1:45pm	<p>Session #4 - Workforce Challenges and Solutions</p> <p><i>A look at the ways we are working to solve the challenges in training, recruiting, and retaining our behavioral healthcare workforce.</i></p>	<p>Panel Moderator: Supervisor Chris Coursey</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Nosal, Department of Health Services • Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Department of Health Services • Jessy Paisley, Santa Rosa Junior College • Maria Juarez Sanchez, Alliance Medical Center • Alayza Cervantes, Latino Service Providers • Stuart A. Buttlair - Kaiser Permanente
2:50pm	Closing remarks	Supervisor Chris Coursey and Tina Rivera, Director, Department of Health Services