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WHO: Alameda County Behavioral Health, Mental Health Services Act Division

WHAT: Prop 63 Community Participation & Feedback Survey

WHEN: April 27, 2020 – May 31, 2020

Contacts:

****** Shelter in Place and Stay at Home impacts community input for Alameda County's three-year Mental Health Services Program and Expenditure Plan******

Alameda County cancelled 5 community input meetings that were to be held in April and May. In support of public safety and flattening the COVID-19 curve Alameda County Behavioral Health will not convene these public meetings. The meetings were to be held in Five Supervisorial Districts throughout the county.

Gathering community input, a state of California requirement, is central to Alameda County submitting its three-year Mental Health Services Act Program and Expenditure Plan.

The Mental Health Services Act also known as Prop 63 was written by now Sacramento Mayor Darryl Steinberg. In 2004 California voters approved Prop 63 and placed a 1 percent tax on personal incomes over \$1 million. The state distributes funds to the counties. Services under MHSA are consumer and family-driven, recovery-oriented, accessible, culturally competent and they offer integrated service experiences for consumers and their families.

Alameda County's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Division is requesting that the community provide input and ideas to improve the mental health system through an on-line survey. The community feedback will guide MHSA services and funding priorities for the next three years.

Dr. Karen Tribble, Director of Alameda County's Behavioral Health says, "Its important for us to hear from children, youth and adults with mental health challenges, their family members, and community service providers. We value their input in preparing a plan that meets their needs."

The Survey is in seven languages and available at <http://acmhsa.org/>

Community members may learn more about the Mental Health Services Act and also complete the 23-question survey at <https://acmhsa.org>

Survey responses must be submitted by May 31, 2020.