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PHC to Receive, Disburse \$36M for Behavioral Health Projects

FAIRFIELD – Over the next two years, Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) will receive more than \$36 million from the state of California to boost the integration of behavioral health services with other health care services. PHC, which administers Medi-Cal benefits for more than 590,000 members in 14 Northern California counties, will then disburse the funds to 30 grantee organizations within its provider network.

“We are proud and delighted that our providers have undertaken a broad array of innovative projects to improve care to our members,” CEO Elizabeth Gibboney said. “Especially during this time, when behavioral health needs have intensified, we welcome the ability to improve and extend the quality and quantity of our behavioral health services.”

The Behavioral Health Integration grants are funded with revenues from Proposition 56, a 2016 measure to support Medi-Cal through tobacco taxes. The state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) announced the program in late 2019 as a way to incentivize improvement of physical and behavioral health outcomes, care delivery efficiency, and patient experience.

PHC encouraged all eligible providers to apply, and 41 organizations – including clinics, hospitals, substance use providers, telehealth, counties, and mental health providers – submitted applications. DHCS selected 30 organizations from that group and determined the funding amounts. The BHI projects were scheduled to begin in April 2020, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DHCS delayed the start until January 2021.

The funded projects address the following categories: basic behavioral health integration; maternal access to mental health and substance use treatment; medication management for co-occurring chronic medical and behavioral diagnoses; diabetes screening and treatment for those with serious mental illness; improving follow-up after hospitalization for mental illness; and improving follow-up after emergency visits for behavioral health diagnoses.

The PHC provider network organizations that will receive grant funds are:

Organization	Counties served	Amount
Adventist Health Clear Lake	Lake	\$11,000,000
Alcohol Drug Care Services- Waterfront	Humboldt	\$226,952
Bright Heart Health	All 14 PHC counties	\$1,058,928
Buckelew Programs	Marin	\$480,279
Communicare Health Center	Yolo	\$1,223,301
Community Medical Centers	Yolo	\$1,386,576
Elica Health Centers	Yolo	\$575,158
Hill Country Community Clinic	Shasta	\$1,206,807
Humboldt DHHS Mental Health SUD	Humboldt	\$344,731
La Clinica De La Raza	Solano	\$2,312,430
Marin City Clinic	Marin	\$259,767
Mendocino Community Health Clinics	Mendocino	\$722,592
Mercy Medical Center	Redding, Shasta	\$446,889
Mercy Mount Shasta Community Clinic	Siskiyou	\$78,349
Modoc County Health Services	Modoc	\$330,000
Mountain Valleys Health Centers	Siskiyou, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta	\$420,444
Napa County Health and Human Services	Napa	\$153,951
Adventist Health Mendocino Coast	Mendocino	\$430,833
NorthBay Healthcare	Solano	\$688,336
OLE Health	Napa	\$1,992,659
Petaluma Health Centers	Sonoma	\$677,500
Ritter Center	Marin	\$750,353
Santa Rosa Community Health Centers	Sonoma	\$3,674,602
Shasta Community Health Center	Shasta	\$24,444
Shasta County Health and Human Services	Shasta	\$960,000
Sonoma County Indian Health Project, Inc.	Shasta	\$1,833,334
Sutter Health	Lake	\$418,552
West County Health Centers, Inc.	Sonoma	\$618,540

Additionally, several providers will be part of a reallocation of funds available as a result of one grantee not accepting its award due to COVID-related priorities.

About Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC): PHC is a nonprofit community-based health care organization that contracts with the state to administer Medi-Cal benefits. PHC provides quality care to over 590,000 Medi-Cal members in 14 Northern California counties – Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Trinity, and Yolo. Learn more about PHC online at www.partnershiphp.org.