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Director's Update Mental Health Advisory Board

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County Behavioral Health Budget

- On Tuesday, the County Board of Supervisors passed the Health Services Agency Budget
- We are appreciative of all the hard work that went into constructing our budget for the next 2-years
- Included is also an operations plan which will be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors next Tuesday and voted on.
 - These organizational objectives will be tied into each Department's Budget, and the outcomes they will be reporting on.



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Watsonville Behavioral Health Office Building

- Yes, we are getting close!
 - Fire alarm system nearing completion
 - Fire Marshal will be scheduled to do the inspection
 - Landscaping work has started
 - Power, Heating and Air Conditioning all operational
 - Water connected
 - All furniture installed in all offices and cubicles
- Next Steps Needed:
 - Fire Marshall clearance
 - Department of Health Care Services Certification
 - Open house planning



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New Grant Award- Probation

- Probation Department awarded a \$6M grant for a new program called, **“Coordinated Access for Empowering Success”**

- **Santa Cruz County Probation Department**

Project Title: Coordinated Access for Empowering Success (CAFES)

Grant Funds Requested: \$5,998,164 The CAFES project, guided by core values of dignity, integrity and trust, proposes a trauma-informed, evidenced-based, multi-agency continuum of care model to expand and enhance services for underserved populations, focusing on first-time offenders, those who have been ruled out of mental health treatment services and those who do not receive funding through AB109. The CAFES project will target a significant gap in Santa Cruz County's services, providing diversion opportunities and/or access to mental health and substance use treatment, case management, and housing support to justice-involved individuals. Integral to this project is the collaboration of multiple community-based organizations, probation, court partners, and county mental health.



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Suicide Prevention Plan

- Submitted and approved by the Board of Supervisors
- Upon Cassandra's return from maternity leave, a new workgroup will be convened to develop an implementation plan
- Cassandra will also be doing a formal presentation to the Board of Supervisors in the fall.

Sneak Peek...New Behavioral Health Logo





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