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Date: July 13, 2017
To: All BHCS Staff and Providers
From: James Wagner, LMFT/LPCC, BHCS Deputy Director
Subject: Interim SUD Administrator Announcement

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Wagner", is written over the "From:" line of the email header.

I am pleased to announce that Nathan Hobbs, LCSW, has agreed to fulfill the SUD Administrator role on an interim basis upon the departure of Tom Trabin. As you may know, Tom is moving on to become Deputy Director of California's Drug Medi-Cal External Quality Review Organization (EQRO).

Nathan joined Behavioral Health Care in 2013 as a Program Specialist in the Children's System of Care. Prior to this time he served as a Management Analyst in the Program Evaluation and Research Unit at Alameda County Social Services Agency, and as a Child Welfare Worker with the Department of Children and Family Services.

At BHCS, Nathan has functioned as the operational lead for adolescent substance use treatment and secondary prevention programs, Katie A services, and eating disorder services, in addition to holding other responsibilities and leading a wide variety of other projects. He has extensive experience in program design, implementation, management, and evaluation. He is a member of the State of California's Youth Advisory Committee, helping to redesign the State's policy and guidelines for adolescent and young adult substance use treatment. He also served as a member of the Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Waiver Implementation Plan team, and helped craft the County's approved implementation plan for DMC waiver services. He has partnered successfully with a number of cross-county agencies, such as Social Services and the Probation Department, and represents BHCS in a variety of collaborative projects and cross-system reforms.

Nathan has a Certificate in the Advanced Study of Program Evaluation from Claremont Graduate University, a Masters of Social Welfare from U.C. Berkeley, and Masters of Divinity from Yale University.

Please join me in welcoming Nathan in his new role.

