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**TO:** All ACBH Team Members & Community Partners

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**SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT - New ACBH Plan Administrator & Oversight**

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**Imo Momoh, MPA**  
**Deputy Director, ACBH Plan Administrator**



It is my pleasure to announce the pending arrival of the newest member of the Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) Executive Team: Mr. Imo Momoh, ACBH Deputy Director/Plan Administrator.

On **Monday, December 16, 2019**, Imo Momoh will be joining the ACBH Executive Team as the Department's Plan Administrator. As the new Deputy Director and Plan Administrator, he will work alongside our current Operational Leader and Deputy Director, James Wagner, in order to support the Department and residents of Alameda County.

Mr. Momoh has nearly 15 years serving in county behavioral health systems across the State. Throughout his career, he has served in different capacities that involve program planning, research & evaluation, finance, quality improvement, workforce development, policy analysis, and equity.

Mr. Momoh began his career in Martinez, California where he served in the office of the Contra Costa County Mental Health Director and continued his work with Contra Costa County Behavioral Health as a Health Services Planner/Evaluator. In this role, Mr. Momoh was part of the Quality Management team conducting research and evaluation activities to support, promote and ensure high quality care for consumers. Under this assignment, he was also the manager of language services and chair of the Reducing Health Disparities committee.

His interests in Ethnic Services took him to Lagos, Nigeria where he was a Financial Analyst Trainee for Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL) and also General Secretary of the State Community Development Group for the Physically Challenged under a National Service Corps program. His extensive financial training with CNL was a great asset that added to his abilities in budget planning and financial analysis.





Upon completion of this endeavor in 2010, Imo returned to Contra Costa County Behavioral Health as the Ethnic Services Manager & Workforce Education and Training Manager. In this capacity he was a member of the executive management team. During this period, he was also the Chair of the Bay Area Region Ethnic Services Managers committee (a coalition of nine counties) which was charged with advancing policies and programs that promote equity, social justice and belonging.

After his time with Contra Costa County Behavioral Health, Mr. Momoh joined the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health as the Cultural Competency Officer for the department. He developed multiple communication techniques to promote transparency and services to stakeholders, including the workforce, and was a valued member of the department's executive management team.

Mr. Momoh ultimately relocated to the Bay Area and joined the San Francisco Department of Public Health as the Director of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). In this role, Imo managed the program funds and administered a portfolio of approximately 85 programs designed to support the public mental health system in addressing unmet needs and increase access to care for communities across San Francisco. During his time in this role, Mr. Momoh worked in partnership with stakeholders to develop and manage robust programs that worked to create a continuum of care to address the needs of the whole-person. Under his leadership, various innovative programs were approved by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

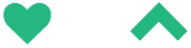
Throughout his career, Mr. Momoh has also partnered with various state agencies, advocating for policy that promote wellness and equity. Some of the agencies he continues to partner with include the California Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (CIBHS), and the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Mr. Momoh will be joining ACBH by way of his former position within the San Francisco Department of Public Health, where he served as an executive leader and the Director of the Office of Equity, Social Justice and Multicultural Education for Behavioral Health Services. Collectively, his oversight of these these programs was to advance equity, promote diversity and inclusion for consumers, staff and other stakeholders.

Mr. Momoh received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Computer Information Systems, and a Master's degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Public Management from California State University, East Bay (CSU East Bay), in Hayward. Imo was also recognized by CSU East Bay with a *40 under 40 Award* (which honors 40 alumni of CSU East Bay who continue to demonstrate dedication, excellence and development in their professional, philanthropic and personal endeavors). Mr. Momoh received additional recognition as the recent recipient of the Public Health Hero Award by the San Francisco Department of Public Health in October 2019.

### **Plan Administrator Oversight**

For approximately one year, ACBH and HCSA leaders have embarked upon a process of "re-imagining" the organizational structure in order to ensure that the department is meeting both its





service delivery options and compliance with the broader mandates now facing the system. In addition to an essential focus on quality services and the integration of consumer-driven and culturally responsive care, it is critical that the department appropriately function as a State-County Mental Health Plan Contract, Performance Contract, and Drug Medi-Cal Contract; be compliant with Expanded Federal Medicaid Managed Care regulations; and be responsive to expanded covered services and contract requirements related to Drug Medi-Cal.

In his new role as Plan Administrator, Mr. Momoh will support our departmental goals of achieving better communication and interface across the department's administrative functions. He will also work to ensure that our department remains focused on our responsibilities as a county behavioral health managed care plan. To that end, Mr. Momoh will work closely with departmental directors, leaders, and staff to oversee several activities, including the following ACBH programs:

- Quality Improvement/Quality Management,
- Information Systems, and
- Financial Services

Our near-future goals will be to continue to focus our Departmental planning efforts in areas related to Alignment, Communication, and Organizational Structure. In the coming months, Mr. Momoh will work alongside our Department's Executive Team as we further refine the organizational restructuring process that is already underway, and communicate future departmental reorganization efforts to our staff and stakeholders. It is my hope that continued engagement of staff, leaders, consumers and families, and community partners will support the department in its continued journey toward the development of re-imagined mission, vision, and values and an eventual systemwide strategic planning process.

*Please join me in welcoming Imo formally, as the Newest Member of our ACBH Team! Together we have much to do in the weeks to come!*

