



# IMPORTANT COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT –

## ACBH Announces Launch of New Program and Expanded Services!

### Community Assessment and Transport Team (CATT)

Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBH) launched the **Community Assessment and Transport Team (CATT)** services in Fremont. CATT is an innovative pilot program created in collaboration with Alameda County Behavioral Health, Alameda County Care Connect, Alameda County Emergency Medical Services, Bonita House Inc. and Falck. CATT pairs a clinician with an EMT to individuals who are experiencing a crisis due to mental health and/or substance use. Key Partners spearheading this pilot program include County EMS, Bonita House, and Falck. **START DATE: July 2020**

CATT provides mental health assessment, crisis intervention, medical assessment, information, referral, and transportation to a variety of voluntary settings. CATT hopes to divert individuals who are not in need of involuntary hospitalization or an emergency department whenever possible and will be designated to write involuntary psychiatric holds (5150/5585) and transport to emergency departments as necessary.

When at full capacity, CATT will have a total of 12 teams in the field 7 days a week from 7am to 11pm. These teams are in addition to the current Mobile Crisis/Mobile Evaluation Teams, (MCT/MET) currently providing mobile crisis services in Alameda County.

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### Alameda County Pre-Trial Felony Mental Health Diversion Pilot Program

**ANTICIPATED START DATE: February 2021**

The Alameda County Pre-Trial Felony Mental Health Diversion Pilot program seeks to provide alternatives for people with serious persistent mental illness (SPMI) to avoid ongoing episodes in the criminal justice system. Alameda County seeks to increase access to recovery-oriented, community outpatient treatment (i.e., full service partnerships) in order to improve clinical outcomes.

The program intends to (1) reduce felony incompetent stand trial (IST) placements by 30% (N=22), (2) provide an array of recovery-oriented services to ensure participants are being treated at the appropriate level of care, and (3) reduce participants use of substances and improve overall health.

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