


-MEMORANDUM-

DATE: August 5, 2020
TO: All ACBH Staff and Providers
FROM: Aaron Chapman, MD, Medical Director/Chief Medical Officer 
SUBJECT: **New Lead Psychiatrist for Adult Forensic Behavioral Health**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Jeffrey Seal to the position of Lead Psychiatrist for Adult Forensic Behavioral Health and the Santa Rita Jail. I would also like to welcome Dr. Seal **back** to Alameda County Health Care Services as his professional journey previously included work within our behavioral health system.



While these are challenging times for the entire department, these challenges feel particularly acute at our jail. We are keenly aware of just how essential behavioral health is to our community, and to those within our community who are at a critical time in their lives for many reasons. Knowing that, I am thrilled to have Dr. Seal's experience and leadership in this crucial role as we partner with our AFBH team members and stakeholders who share our commitment.

Dr. Jeffrey Seal grew up in Alabama and studied and lived throughout the Southeast. Upon completion of his psychiatry training at UCSF, he first started working for Alameda County Health Care Services Agency in 2014 when he was hired as a psychiatrist for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funded Trust Clinic (*an integrated primary care clinic located in Downtown Oakland serving diverse individuals including those experiencing homelessness, complex health conditions, severe mental illness and/or are economically disadvantaged*). From 2014 to 2020, Dr. Seal held a variety of responsibilities at Health Care for the Homeless, including Medical Director and Interim Director.

Dr. Seal has also been a California Health Care Foundation Leadership fellow, and has special interests in substance use disorders and opioid treatment, social determinants of health, intergenerational trauma, reentry/forensic populations, integrated care, and community health centers. These experiences have not only provided him with front-line experience working on behalf of and amongst the rich diversity in Alameda County, it has also allowed for greater understanding of the important intersection of social determinants of health and behavioral health wellbeing.

Please join me in offering a warm "virtual" welcome to Dr. Jeffrey Seal on behalf of our Executive Leadership Team!

