



ACBH DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION NOTICE:



**Alameda County
Behavioral Health
Care Services**
MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES

DATE: May 21, 2021

TO: ACBH Staff, Colleagues, and Partners

FROM: Juan Taizan, Interim Director, Forensic, Diversion, and Re-entry System of Care

SUBJECT: NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR FORENSIC OUTPATIENT SERVICES

As many of you have heard, Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) is currently establishing a new system of care for justice involved individuals who require behavioral health services. The Forensic, Diversion, and Re-entry Services System of Care, will fold all of ACBH's forensic services across the age spectrum into one line of service and align both in-custody and forensic outpatient services to enable better care coordination.

As part of this change, we have created a new Assistant Director for our Forensic Outpatient Services (see attached organization chart) and this position will oversee our forensic outpatient services. I am very happy to announce that Yvonne Jones, currently the Conditional Release & Criminal Justice Services Director, will be stepping into this leadership role to oversee ACBH's outpatient programs. For the last 9 years, Yvonne has been a leader for our forensic efforts by directing the mental health services within Santa Rita Jail as well as ACBH's forensic Conditional Release Program (CONREP), which is model program that has gained recognition from the state. Yvonne has a wealth of knowledge and years of experience working with justice involved individuals, and in her new role, she will help create a more seamless diversion and re-entry process for our clients. Please join me in thanking Yvonne for her leadership and future support to our system in her new role.

This is a time of change and opportunity for ACBH's forensic services, and I am excited about the work we are doing to improve our programs and better serve our community.

In Partnership,

Juan R. Taizan
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