

Alameda County ^{ac} ^{bh} Behavioral Health Care Services

Welcome, Charles Edwards, LCSW New ACCESS Interim Division Director



I am very pleased to announce the appointment of the new ACCESS Interim Division Director.

Mr. Edwards comes to the Division Director position with a range of diverse experience, knowledge, and practice. He worked at WestCoast Children's Clinic in their Catch-21 program for several years. At West Coast, Mr. Edwards provided community based clinical case management and therapy to transition age youth who were experiencing significant mental health challenges and/or returning to live in the community.

Following his employment at WestCoast Children's Clinic, in 2014, Mr. Edwards joined Alameda County's Social Services Agency, where he worked in the Public Guardian's Office as a Deputy Public Guardian-Conservator/Investigator (DPG-C/I). Mr. Edwards worked in a Probate unit where he completed investigations for conservatorship and petitioned the Probate court for various authorities to protect one's Person and/or Estate. In this role as a conservator and/or trustee, he made complicated life decisions for individuals that could not do so for themselves, such as where one could live, medical decisions, financial decisions, end of life decisions, etc. In 2018, Mr. Edwards was promoted to supervisor in the Public Guardian's Office, where he led a unit of Probate conservators with managing their complex caseloads and developing within the agency.

In 2021, Mr. Edwards was promoted to Program Manager in the county's Social Services Agency, where he was the manager for Adult Protective Services (APS). In that role, he provided overall direction and guidance for the program, such as implementing new practices & strategies, managing relationships with community partners, and striving to keep the program in compliance with state regulations. Most of all, working to keep up with the ever-changing climate of APS was at the forefront of his work.

Mr. Edwards first day at ACBH will be October 3rd, 2022. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Edwards as the newest team leader within our department!



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