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To: **ALL BHCS Employees**

From: **Karyn Tribble, PsyD, LCSW, BHCS Interim Director** 

RE: **CJMH NAME CHANGE > ADULT FORENSIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

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Dear Staff:

As is clearly mentioned in our Mission, Vision and Values statements, Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) is committed to serving the needs of our community members – and our diverse stakeholders. *To that end, I am pleased to announce that our Criminal Justice Mental Health (CJMH) unit has officially changed its name to reflect a more broadened approach and language to describe the services being provided across Alameda County.*

As of December 14, 2016, our Adult System of Care Director (James Wagner, LMFT/LPCC) formally changed the name from “Criminal Justice Mental Health” to: **Adult Forensic Behavioral Health (AFBH)**. The programs impacted by this change are BHCS services provided in Alameda County jails, the ConRep program, Behavioral Health Court, and CAP programs. Ms. Yvonne Jones oversees all of the above programs and has also transitioned to a new job title change from CJMH Director to **AFBH Director**.

BHCS has set as a high priority to effectively serve our clients seeking to successfully re-enter their communities from involvement in the criminal justice system. The service needs of many of these clients are substantial and complex, and the services provided by our various county agencies often overlap. Among other things, the name change to “Behavioral Health” signifies that many of the clients involved in the criminal justice system—and diagnosed with a serious mental illness—also have secondary primary care needs, employment/vocational issues, care transition needs, as well as substance use diagnoses warranting concurrent treatment.

Since substance use is probably the most common diagnosis amongst persons involved in the criminal justice system, BHCS provides a full array of well-coordinated SUD treatment services to these clients and coordinates with other county services (including some of those provided by criminal justice agencies). The County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator, the SUD Operations Team, and other SUD-related staff at BHCS will continue to work closely together to oversee and further develop these services. Through this broadened approach, we envision further opportunities to coordinate services between and across county departments, organizations, and systems.

