DATE: May 7, 2018

MHSUDS INFORMATION NOTICE NO.: 18-021

TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
   COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS
   COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA
   CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES
   COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS
   CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM EXECUTIVES, INC.
   CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
   CALIFORNIA OPIOID MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS
   CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

SUBJECT: WOMEN AND PERINATAL COMMUNITY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROVIDER DIRECTORY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Information Notice is to:

1. Require counties to submit a Women and Perinatal Community Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Provider Directory (Directory) to the Perinatal and Youth Services Unit (PYSU) by June 30, 2018.

2. Offer technical assistance to assist counties in the update of the Directory.

DISCUSSION

PYSU is responsible for ensuring counties have a current Directory.

The Perinatal Services Network Guidelines (PSNG), Fiscal Year 2016-17 outlines requirements for perinatal service programs funded with Substance Abuse and Prevention Treatment Block Grant (SABG) Perinatal Set-Aside. The requirements set forth in the PSNG are in accordance with 45 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 96, Subpart L and the State-County Contract.
Pursuant to 45 CFR §96.131(c), when a facility has reached its capacity to provide treatment services to a pregnant woman, providers are required to use a capacity management system, in addition to another mechanism, to ensure that the women are referred to appropriate services. DHCS has established the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Access Report system and the county Directory to fulfill this requirement.

DHCS is requiring counties to update its Directory of publicly-funded SUD providers to ensure that pregnant and parenting women (PPW) receive SUD services in a timely manner. The Directory must include the county’s Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment and Recovery Programs for the PPW population. This Directory will assist SUD providers with referring the PPW population to appropriate SUD services when they are at capacity.

Each county receiving SABG funding, including exchange counties, is responsible for updating a directory of publicly-funded SUD providers for the PPW population.

In order for the State to update the Directory, please submit a list of the county’s contracted publicly-funded SUD programs for perinatal SUD treatment and recovery. The list should include the name of the agency (including the county’s program(s)), the address(es), the phone number(s), and website(s).

Please ensure the facility addresses and phone numbers have been verified and submit an electronic copy of the directory to PYSU at dhcsowps@dhcs.ca.gov by June 30, 2018.

PYSU is available to provide technical assistance to counties. Please feel free to contact SUD Program, Policy, and Fiscal Division at dhcsowps@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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