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## Communication from the Office of the ACBH Director -

**DATE:** December 15, 2022

TO: All ACBH Team Members

CC: ACBH Stakeholders, Community, & County Partners

FROM: Karyn L. Tribble, PsyD, LCSW, ACBH Director

SUBJECT: Sanjida Mazid, Workforce, Education, & Training Manager



I must take this time to inform all of an important update to our System, Community, and our Department. **Ms. Sanjida Mazid, our Department's Workforce, Education and Training (WET) Manager will be officially retiring from her public service position effective February 4, 2023**. It is with mixed emotions that I provide this update, particularly as Ms. Mazid has committed the last 11 years of her professional career to enabling ACBH to be a well-regarded leader in WET activities across the state.

Sanjida's work in developing Mental Health Career Pipeline Strategies in local Community Colleges (which serves as an academic entry point for consumers, family members, ethnically and culturally diverse students, and those interested in human services education), has been a model for policy change across our system. In that capacity, she has served as a liaison and consultant to many organizations, helping to place or promote student experiences to further expand and diversify our system's workforce. As first a member of the Department's Deputy Director's Office, then Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Division, and ultimately through the Office of the ACBH Director; Ms. Mazid has worked tirelessly and in partnership with leadership to expand opportunities for human investment - including the oversight of ACBH's Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program for eligible clinical staff who complete service obligations in public behavioral health across Alameda County. Over the years, her work on behalf of ACBH's Graduate Clinical Intern Stipend Programs and Scholarship and Mentorship Program have truly left remarkable change within our system and opportunities for the community. Through that work, Ms. Mazid asks "Who are the individuals who will be creating programs..." (and) "...who will be impacted" to help identify ways in which ACBH might improve our system's engagement across communities. Our system will undoubtedly miss Sanjida, but can say with pride, that she has truly made a difference.

We are pleased to be in a position to have the support of all of Sanjida's team members as she begins this transition towards her retirement. In the coming weeks, she will work with her team and our department's Training Officer, to ensure that all operations continue as required by state and in support of our ACBH vision. In the meantime, my office will ultimately launch a recruitment for an Interim WET Manager to ensure that we maintain the momentum that she has established while we prepare for an eventual formal permanent recruitment process.

Please join me in thanking Sanjida for her work, and wishing her all the best in this next phase of her professional career!

