

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

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES



Welcome, Svetlana Lesova Assistant Director of In-Custody Services

I am pleased to announce the appointment of the **Assistant Director of In-Custody Services for the Forensic, Diversion, and Re-Entry Services System of Care.**

Svetlana Lesova will join the **Forensic, Diversion and Reentry Services** team on **October 3, 2022**, and will report directly to Juan Taizan, Forensic, Diversion, and Reentry Services Director.

Svetlana came to the Bay Area from Ukraine in 1990 and began her journey in the field of mental health, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Clinical Psychology from SF State University. She subsequently earned her Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from JFK University and received her MFT license in 2003.

Svetlana brings over 20 years of experience in public service at the Alameda County Social Services Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) where she helped build and oversee high-impact programs for system-involved, vulnerable, diverse communities.

During her tenure with DCFS, Svetlana's responsibilities evolved from direct services, to leading a large team of staff and overseeing programs including the Child Abuse Reporting Hotline, Formal and Informal Family Maintenance, medically fragile unit, and After-Hours Emergency Response. Additionally, Svetlana is experienced in managing contracts focused on service delivery and system improvement.

Svetlana enjoys Tuesday dinners with her family, being a mom and an auntie, traveling with her partner and simply having Sunday morning coffee. Svetlana is really excited to begin this chapter of her professional career and join the ACBH team!!

Please join me in welcoming **Svetlana Lesova** as the newest member of our department!



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