MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES

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MEMORANDUM –

DATE: December 30, 2022

TO: Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) ACCESS Call Centers and Specialty Mental

Health Services (SMHS) Providers

FROM: Torfeh Rejali, Quality Assurance (QA) Administrator

SUBJECT: FINAL Screening and Transition of Care Tools for Medi-Cal Mental Health Services

This memorandum is to announce issuance of <u>BHIN 22-065</u> by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), releasing the final versions of the new, standardized, statewide Screening and Transition Tools. These tools are expected to be utilized by Medi-Cal Mental Health delivery systems effective **January 1**, **2023**.

Overview

The ACBH memo 2022-41, issued on December 19, 2022, provided details of the Adult Screening Tool, Youth Screening Tool and Transition of Care Tool that were in draft form at the time of that memo. Additionally, the memo described in detail the purpose of each tool and how they are to be used. Please refer to the ACBH memo and the State BHIN noted above for more information.

The final tools are available and can be accessed on the DHCS Screening and Transition of Care Tools webpage. The tools can be utilized in the format provided by the State or built into existing software systems as long as the content, specific wording, order of questions and scoring methodology remain intact.

Action Steps

Please review this information with your teams and implement this process as appropriate.

Training

Per <u>June 30, 2022 memo</u>, ACBH has been utilizing CalMHSA's CalAIM training modules. CalMHSA is in the process of developing an additional training on the use of the Screening and Transition Tools. This additional training will be added to the current series of CalAIM trainings on the <u>CalMHSA Learning</u> <u>Management</u> page in the very near future. Clinician and non-clinicians who will be utilizing these tools have until **January 31, 2023** to complete CalMHSA's training modules for Screening and Transition Tools.

Support

We encourage you to join us for our Mental Health Brown Bag meetings on the **2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 12-1 p.m.** and welcome your questions and opportunities for clarification of this and other changes and processes. **The next Brown Bag meeting is scheduled for Friday January 13, 2023**. If you do not already have this meeting on your calendar, you can access the call in information on the **Quality Assurance Training** page of the ACBH Provider website.

For questions, please contact QATA@acgov.org.

