

## **Transition at the Wellness, Recovery & Resiliency Hub**

BHCS would like to announce the transition of the Wellness, Recovery & Resiliency Hub team from an independent work unit into operations.

In 2006, the Wellness, Recovery & Resiliency Hub (the Hub) was funded as a Mental Health Services Act program. Its objective was to deploy a Wellness Initiative by working with consumers, family members and providers to integrate wellness practices into the culture and operations of BHCS programs. The Hub's strategy included offering training and technical assistance in the implementation of new wellness practices; the delivery of peer supports; and the development of new wellness centers and innovative wellness programs.

In Fall 2010, the Hub was integrated into the new Quality Improvement (QI) Unit, which focuses on performance management and system change efforts. Over the past year, Wellness and Recovery has successfully transitioned from an initiative into a more direct support for operations and QI activities. The Hub team has expanded wellness practices at the clinical services and consumer involvement levels and fulfilled the planned integration with operations and QI.

The Hub team's valuable wellness capacity will now be located in operations. Margaret Walkover will remain with the QI Unit, managing wellness and QI projects. Steven Bucholtz is working at the Oakland Community Support Center in Adult Services, developing new opportunities for consumers and consumer employees. Jaleah Winn is joining the Consumer Relations Team, continuing and expanding her work with the Pool of Consumer Champions. Each of these units is integral to sustaining the work initiated by the Hub and will continue to deploy the strategies of the Wellness Initiative. The Hub staff will continue their work on existing projects and expand wellness practices and supports in their new work settings. We thank the Hub team for their contributions and wish them well in their new roles.