

Yolo Community Care Continuum News

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Supporting YCCC

Changes in the Section 8 housing reimbursement and increases in rent have created a critical situation at the YCCC Cooperative houses. When Pat Williams heard that many long term Co-op clients were in danger of losing their housing, she stepped in. Pat not only contributed to help the immediate situation, but has been working tirelessly to mobilize others in the community to take action.

YCCC would like to thank her for her continuous dedication and hope others will follow in her footsteps to save valuable programs that serve so many disabled people in our community. If you would like to learn how you can help YCCC, contact our Executive Director, Michele Kellogg at main@y3c.org or 530.758.2160 x18.

Harmony House is Up and Running

YCCC is pleased to announce a new partner in our continuum of mental health services. In September 2007, Harmony House in Auburn was opened for business. This higher acuity program allows clients in Placer County the opportunity to learn skills for independent living in a safe, structured, and supportive environment.

The Program Director, Amy Schepcoff, has done an amazing job making the dream to help the mentally ill in Placer County a reality. Her hard work is reflected in the excellent treatment clients receive while living at Harmony House. Thanks, Amy!

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Call to Arms

YCCC's Supportive Housing and Representative Payee programs are in jeopardy. Yolo County ADMH has informed us that they will not be able to fund these vital programs despite the cost effectiveness and exceptional program quality.

We are exploring ways to keep these important services because we know that both Supportive Housing and Representative Payee services keep clients stable and reduce the risk of homelessness. For more information, contact Michele Kellogg at main@y3c.org or 758.2160 x18.

Kaiser Supports Safe Harbor

The Kaiser Foundation has generously granted some funding for services at Safe Harbor Crisis House in Woodland. The \$12,000 donated will be used to support discharge planning services for clients returning to the community. This funding is not just necessary to keep services going, but it has provided YCCC a sense of hope. Due to the current economic struggles the nation and our communities are experiencing, it is important to have hope that services will continue to exist for those who need it most.

New Executive Director is Named

After 11 years of serving YCCC and the mental health community, Michele Kellogg was unanimously appointed as Executive Director of YCCC in February. This is a time of great transition for Yolo Community Care Continuum. Given the challenges posed by the Yolo County budget, YCCC will need as much support to survive these gigantic hurdles. YCCC believes that Michele will be the one to lead us into the next phase of YCCC. Please join us in welcoming her as our new Executive Director.

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