



## Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

*We Are Serious About Mental Health & Recovery!*



March 2, 2015

Santa Cruz County Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services offers a variety of services to the community by County employees, as well as through our contracts with numerous community-based agencies. Our services treat persons across the lifespan, from prevention and early intervention services to being a safety net to persons with serious emotional disturbance and serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders. In an effort to shed light on the variety of services and programs we provide, we endeavor to provide a monthly newsletter about what we do.

### News on the Personnel Front:

We have a new Santa Cruz County Behavioral Health Medical Director, **Dr. Jan Weber** who started today. He is a child psychiatrist who trained at Stanford, Baylor, Albert Einstein, and in Germany.

He comes to us from Santa Clara County. His expertise and experience will benefit many of our new program development efforts including the integrated care clinic, new electronic medical record implementation, first break psychosis program, and more.

### SPOT LIGHT: TRAINING ACADEMY

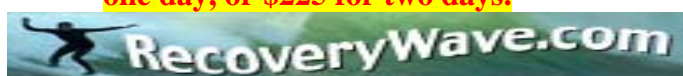
Santa Cruz County Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services offers trainings on a variety of topics, and most are open to the public. Each month we offer a “**cultural competence**” training. These are generally offered at no cost.

Upcoming **(FREE)** cultural competence trainings:

- **Homeless Persons Panel Presentation**, Tuesday, March 24, 2015
- **Cultural Considerations in Clinical Assessment**, date in April to be determined.
- **The Military Veteran’s Experience**, Tuesday, May 19, 2015
- **Second Story Provider Presentation**, date in June to be determined.

Clinical trainings **are offered at a small fee (\$15 per hour)**. Upcoming trainings include:

- **Supervision for Supervisors of ASW’s & MFT’s**, March 12 and/or March 13, 2015. Instructor is Stan Taubman, PhD. This course meets the supervision requirements of the Board of Behavioral Health Examiners, & participants can take the one day, or two days of training, depending on their need. **Cost is \$112.50 for one day, or \$225 for two days.**



- **Working with Bipolarity**, Jerry Solomon, PhD. Thursday, April 16, 2015. **Cost is \$90.00/person.**
- **Law & Ethics**, Linda Garrett, JD. Friday, May 8, 2015. **Cost is \$90.00/person.**
- **Integrative Treatment for Borderline Personality Disorder**, John Preston, PhD., Thursday, June 4, 2015. **Cost is \$90.00/person.**

We send announcements with details about our trainings including description, name of presenter, cost (if any), date, time, location, and how to sign up to attend. To be on our **mailing list** to hear about our trainings, please e-mail: [mhsastraining@health.co.santa-cruz.ca.us](mailto:mhsastraining@health.co.santa-cruz.ca.us)

### Spot light: Identifying Critical Mental Health & Substance Abuse Needs!

The draft Innovation Project is posted for public review and comment until March 6, 2015. You can also attend the **Public Hearing** held during the Local Mental Health Board meeting on March 19, 2015 at 3:00 in room 206/207 at 1400 Emeline Avenue, Santa Cruz. **You may also request a hard copy of the draft plan by calling our office: 831-454-4767.**

**To view the Innovative Project draft plan on line click here:**

<http://www.santacruzhealth.org/HSAHome/HSADivisions/BehavioralHealth/MentalHealthServicesAct.aspx>

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