

CalMHSA Express Week of August 5, 2013

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Week In Review:

- *Educator Credentialing Recommendation Moves Forward*
- *“Picture This” Brings Communities and Journalists Together to Enhance Mental Health Media Coverage*
- *Legislators Briefed on New API Population Report*

Hot News (funded by CalMHSA and Proposition 63)

Educator Credentialing Recommendation Moves Forward: At its August 1, 2013 meeting, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) moved forward on a recommendation from the Student Mental Health Policy Workgroup (SMHPW) to include mental health curricula in teacher and administrator credential requirements. The many letters the CTC received in support of the SMHPW recommendations were evident in staff recommendations to the Commission, which expressed its intent to include mental health in three competency areas for Administrative Credentials. A final decision on [proposed language](#) will be considered at the September 26th CTC meeting in Sacramento. Before the meeting, Dr. Wayne Clark, President of the CalMHSA Board, wrote an [op-ed](#) for the Sacramento Bee calling for mental health training as part of educator credentialing. Clark noted, “our schools can make a significant impact in the number of students whose depression, eating disorders, post-traumatic stress or other mental health issues impede learning and lifetime attainment.” Contact David Kopperud at DKopperud@cde.ca.gov for more information.

“Picture This” Brings Communities and Journalists Together to Enhance Mental Health Media Coverage: On July 18th, 2013, the Entertainment Industries Council, Inc. and KTVU/TV36 Oakland – San Francisco – San Jose presented “Picture This: Mental Health in the San Francisco Bay Area,” a forum that brings journalists together with community members to share insights and stories with the goal of increasing public awareness through expanded reporting of mental health and diagnosed mental illness. The packed

forum was attended by 75 San Francisco Bay Area mental health leaders, broadcast journalists and community advocates. View clips from KTVU about the Picture This forum [here](#). For more information contact Nedra Weinreich at nweinreich@eiconline.org.



Legislators Briefed on New API Population Report: Pacific Clinics, the California Reducing Disparities Project Asian & Pacific Islanders Strategic Planning Workgroup (APISPW), Congresswoman Dr. Judy Chu and Assemblymember Ed Chau hosted a legislative briefing about the California Reducing Disparities Project's new [Asian Pacific Islander \(API\) Population Report](#) and released a Chinese translation of the report's Executive Summary. Over 70 members of the public attended the standing-room only event. Over the last two years, the APISPW has been engaging various API communities in California to identify unmet mental health service needs and collecting community-defined strategies to address these needs. Contact Rocco Cheung at (626) 962-6168 x168 for more information.

Down the Pipeline

NAMI CA Seeks Culturally Diverse Community Leaders for In Our Own Voice (IOOV) Training: NAMI CA is culturally adapting IOOV for the African American, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latino, LGBTQ, and Native American populations, and is looking for culturally diverse community leaders and members that are 18 years and older to participate in the production of new culture specific program videos. IOOV is a unique public education program, in which two trained speakers share compelling personal stories about living with mental illness and achieving recovery. Veterans and former foster youth, ages 18 and older, are encouraged to participate. Please contact Veronica J. Delgado at veronica.delgado@namicalifornia.org for more information and to request an interest form (must be submitted by August 9, 2013).

Prop. 63 in the News

In "[Effort begins to reduce suicide rates of American Indians in North Bay region](#)," the Lake County News highlights the Sonoma County Indian Health Project Inc.'s (SCIHP) collaboration with the Family Service Agency of Marin to reduce suicide in the North Bay American Indian population. SCIHP's efforts draw on the strength of Native American culture and tradition to combat suicide and are guided by input from multiple tribes and the North Bay Native American Suicide Prevention Board. These efforts will include a Gathering of Native Americans (GONA), ceremonies and suicide prevention training. Please call Agustin Garcia from SCIHP at (707) 521-4533 for more information.

Do you have news to share? Send submissions to Jenna Thompson at Jenna@paschalroth.com.