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Ground Breaking on Housing for Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness

Facilities to serve justice involved individuals at risk of homelessness with co-occurring symptoms

Stockton, CA. – July 27, 2022 –Behavioral Health Services (BHS) will break ground on three, 16-bed modular facilities for justice involved adults with a serious mental illness (SMI) who may also have a co-occurring substance use disorder and are at risk of homelessness. The groundbreaking will occur on Thursday, July 28 at 10 a.m. at 7250 Recovery Road, French Camp, California.

“These facilities will provide a needed and necessary link in our current continuum of care for individuals who are at risk of homelessness, are justice involved, and have a serious mental illness with a co-occurring substance use disorder,” said Greg Diederich, Director, Health Care Services Agency. “The modulares will provide a more appropriate placement to institutionalization where individuals will receive services in a home-like environment as they stabilize in their recovery.”

The California Health Facilities Finance Authority’s Community Services Infrastructure Grant program awarded BHS nearly \$6 million for two 16-bed modulares; one for adult males and one for adult females who experience SMI.

The third modular was funded in part through a State grant from the California Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program, with additional capital support from San Joaquin County for a total cost of roughly \$2 million. This 16-bed modular will provide emergency homeless shelter to adult males with a SMI.

The modulares will serve up to 96 individuals annually and will be open and operational in March 2023.

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The mission of San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services is to partner with the community to provide integrated, culturally, and linguistically competent mental health and substance use disorder services to meet the prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery needs of San Joaquin County residents.