

## Legislation Text

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Medical Director's Report - Dr. Zun

### **Physical Health**

#### Provider Collaboration

- There are two new full-time physicians. Rajbir Grewal, MD, will start at Midlakes Health Center mid-October and Seema Khan, MD, will start at Zion Health Center late October.
- We are recruiting for two more providers to replace Danilo Alesna, MD, who is retiring in early December and Yelena Kolezeva, MD, who resigned on September 25, 2020.

#### Clinic Operations

- Kim Burke, Director of Healthcare Operations, is examining the current staffing of the clinics to ensure we are meeting the appropriate level of staffing.

#### External Relations

- The Health Department is working with Rosalind Franklin University on their graduate nursing program and APRN certification in Psychiatry.
- Dr. Zun, along with two colleagues, wrote the featured article titled, "Global Pandemic Impact on Behavioral Health Delivery" in the Physician Executive Forum Newsletter for the American College of Healthcare Executives.
- Dr. Zun presented a lecture at the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) International Meeting titled, "Evidence Based Evaluation and Treatment of the Psychiatric Patient in the Emergency Department."

#### Regulatory

- The Joint Commission (TJC) consultant completed a two-day review and provided a number of recommended improvements to ensure compliance.
- The focus for October is infection control.
- All clinically related policies are being reviewed and revised, as needed.
- The antibiotic stewardship program is reviewing the prescribing of antibiotics for patients with viral syndrome and pharyngitis.

### **Psychiatry - MAT**

#### Provider Collaboration

- Daram Reddy, MD, has agreed to serve as Interim Behavioral Health (BH) Medical Director until a permanent replacement is hired. Dr. Reddy has been with the Health Department since April 1991.

#### Clinic Operations

- There are no significant FQHC-related changes in clinical operations. Most services continue to be provided via phone or video.

#### External Relations

- Nothing new to report.

#### Regulatory

- TJC readiness is ongoing.

### **Dental Health**

#### Provider Collaboration

- We are currently actively recruiting for a Dental Hygienist for Midlakes Health Center. Their role will be to engage in providing preventative services as well as some periodontal services.

#### Clinical Operations

- Continuing to provide dental services at our six FQHC locations.
- Mitigation Systems: MHEPA filters for dental offices were received; awaiting the delivery of our extraoral suction unit.
- Once mitigation systems arrive and are installed, we anticipate service expansion in October. Service expansion shall include restorative care, dentures, and dental sealants.

#### Regulatory

- TJC readiness is ongoing.
- Each site has undergone a Sterilization Room walkthrough as part of TJC readiness.
- Annual Sterilization Training is being developed by our training team and is planned for October as an eLearning.
- Infection Control and Sterilization Observational Competencies are anticipated to begin in late October or early November.

None, for information only.