



Behavioral Health Task Force Meeting

August 25, 2020

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Welcome and Introductions

**Sonya Adam, CEO
California Black Women's Health Project**

**Seciah Aquino, Deputy Director
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California**

Secretary Mark Ghaly, M.D., M.P.H.

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Thank you to the California Health Care Foundation

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Roll Call and Virtual Meeting Protocols

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WebEx Meeting Protocol for the Task Force



- Meeting is being recorded
- BHTF MEMBERS:
 - Stay **ON MUTE** when not speaking
 - Do **NOT** put your phone **ON HOLD** ever for any reason
 - You will be called on to make comments
 - Use chat for technical questions only

WebEx Meeting Protocol for the Task Force



- **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**
 - Stay **ON MUTE** throughout the meeting unless you are making public comment
 - You will be called on to make a comment during the public comment period at the end of the meeting
 - Do **NOT** put your phone **ON HOLD** ever for any reason
- You don't have to wear a mask during our session!!!!!!

Task Force Meeting Agenda



- 1. Welcome and Opening Comments (10:00 – 10:15)**
- 2. Discussion of Behavioral Health Impacts of COVID-19, Recession, and Recent Community Action regarding Anti-Racism (10:15 – 11:15)**
- 3. Reassessment of Behavioral Health Task Force Mission and Objectives Based on Changes in the Environment (11:15 – 11:35)**
- 4. DHCS Presentation of CalHOPE (11:35 – 12:00)**
- 5. Task Force Work Plan Proposal (12:00 – 12:30)**
- 6. Public Comment (12:30 – 12:55)**
- 7. Closing Comments (12:55 – 1:00)**



Discussion of Behavioral Health Impacts of COVID-19, Recession, and Recent Community Action regarding Anti-Racism

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Discussion of Behavioral Health Impacts of COVID-19, Recession, and Recent Community Action regarding Anti-Racism



- 1. What behavioral health impacts has your organization seen as a result of COVID-19?**
- 2. How has your organization's work changed as a result of COVID-19?**
- 3. How have racial justice and equity been discussed or addressed in your work?**
- 4. How have racial disparities been highlighted in your organizations?**
- 5. How can we address racial equity, justice, and disparities in our work in this task force?**



Reassessment of Behavioral Health Task Force Mission and Objectives Based on Changes in the Environment

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CalHOPE Crisis Counseling Program

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CalHOPE- Crisis Counseling Program

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Crisis Counseling Program Immediate Services Program

- \$1.6M awarded from FEMA to re-launch CalHOPE – used in Camp Fire Disaster
- Media Campaign to normalize feelings of stress, anxiety and reduce depression during the pandemic and refer to website and Warm Line
- CalHOPE website- www.calhope.dhcs.ca.gov
- CalHOPE Warm Line- (833) 317-HOPE



Crisis Counseling Program

Regular Services Program

- Expand the 60-day program to a 9-month program.
- Application submitted to FEMA on 5/21 for \$82M; two rounds of requests for information- expect response early September.
- Statewide CalHOPE Media Campaign to reach general public and high risk populations
- Expand CalHOPE website to more human-centered approach

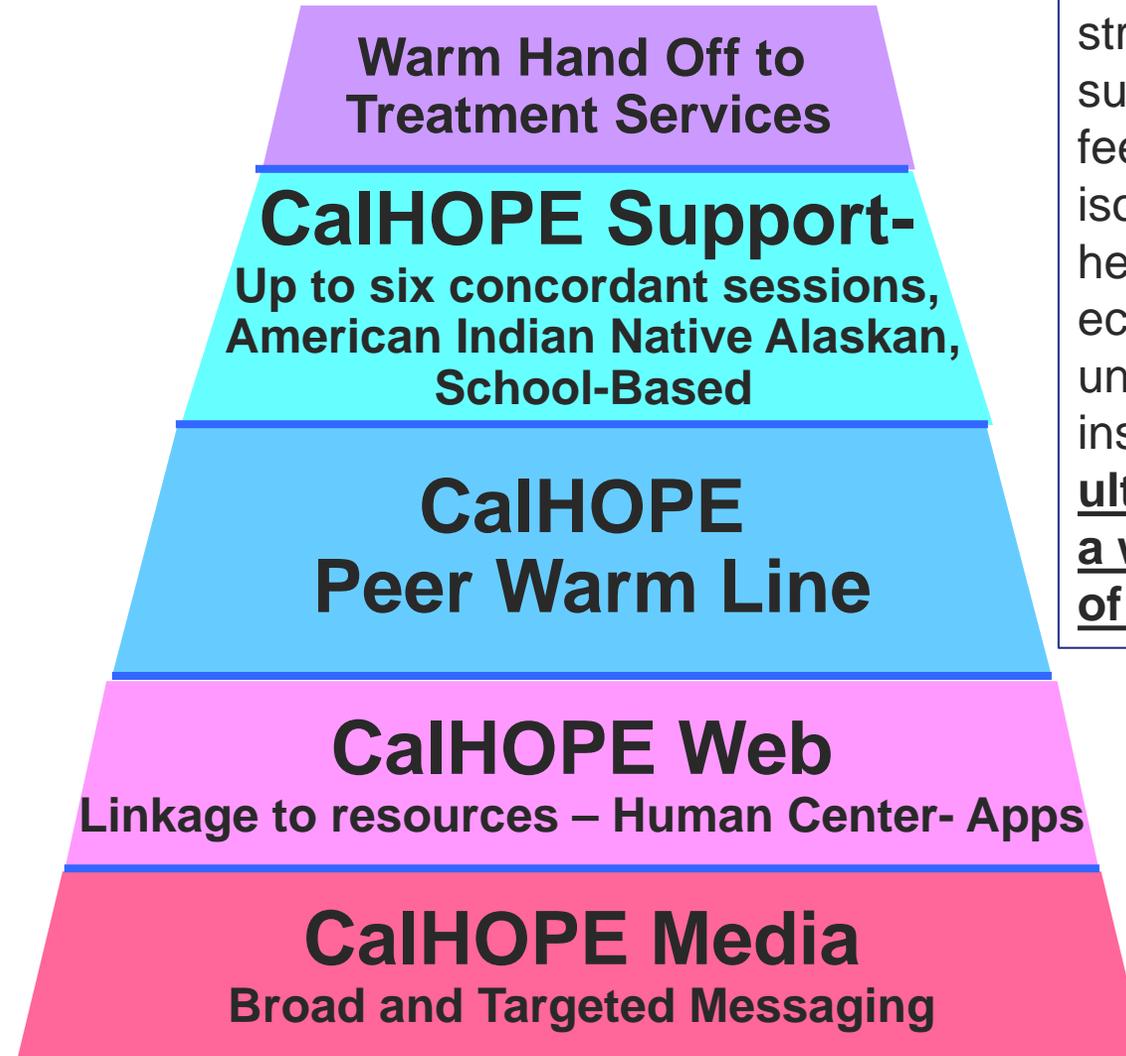


Crisis Counseling Program Regular Services Program - continued

- CalHOPE Support
 - Expand CalHOPE Warm Line to 24/7
 - Contract with community organizations to provide up to six Crisis Counseling sessions with counselors matched by language and culture (where possible)
 - Tribal Crisis Counseling
 - CalHOPE School to identify and share best practices supporting youth transitioning between distance learning and school site classes, and helping youth in need



CalHOPE Layers of Intervention and Support



Normalize the stress, anxiety and support people feeling the impact of isolation, physical health issues, economic uncertainty, food insecurity- ultimately prevent a wave of deaths of despair!



Task Force Work Plan Proposal

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Public Comment

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Closing Comments

Next Task Force Meeting: December 3, 2020

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