


MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 19, 2017
TO	Psychology Board Members
FROM	 Antonette Sorrick Executive Officer
SUBJECT	Access to Mental Healthcare in the State of California Campaign Update: Agenda Item 17

Background:

The Board voted to engage in a two-year campaign (February, 2015-2017) regarding access to mental healthcare in the State of California. Below is a synopsis of the campaign activities to date:

- 1) Article in 2015 *Winter Journal* regarding number of mental healthcare licensees per county
- 2) Article in 2015 *Spring Journal* regarding Educational Loan Repayment Opportunities (Mental Health Loan Assumption Program and Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program)
- 3) Health Professions Education Foundation (HPEF) to present an informational presentation on the loan repayment program for working in underserved areas. The Foundation presented at the Board's August 13-14 meeting.
- 4) Feature story in 2015 *Summer Journal* regarding a recipient of the loan repayment from HPEF
- 5) HPEF Recipient profile in future Journals.
- 6) Insert HPEF how to contribute in license renewal packets (completed on 5/5/16).
- 7) Insert HPEF how to apply for loan repayment in renewal packets.
- 8) Quarterly Feature stories in *Journal* regarding recipient of loan repayment from HPEF
- 9) Guest Speaker at May, 2016 meeting – Tim Belavich, PhD, MSHCA, CCHP-MH, Program Director, Jail Mental Health, Los Angeles County Jail (postponed to later date)
- 10) Health Professions Education Foundation (HPEF) to present an informational presentation on the loan repayment program for working in underserved areas. The Foundation presented at the Board's August 13-14, 2015 meeting.
- 11) Health Professions Education Foundation (HPEF) to present an informational presentation on the loan repayment program for working in underserved areas. The Foundation presented at the Board's August 18-19, 2016 meeting.
- 12) Review and consideration of outreach to high schools, community colleges, and State and University system to increase license population and access to care (October 4, 2016).
- 13) Discussion of lack of third party reimbursement for telehealth services and access to care (October 4, 2016).

Action Requested:

No action required.