

AMDD News for SAA/LAC

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Staffing changes at AMDD:

- Melissa Higgins is the new Bureau Chief for Treatment, which was formerly mental health.
 - Former supervisor Mary LeMieux has left AMDD and Melissa has moved up to Bureau Chief. There is a search underway to fill both Mary's and Melissa's old positions.
 - Aaron Hahm, Medicaid Program Officer, has left AMDD and there is a search underway to fill that position.
- Jackie Jandt, former Program Planning and Outcome Officer for AMDD, has moved into a new position. Jackie will be one of four Medicaid Reform Specialists whose job is responsible for researching, developing, and subsequently implementing Medicaid reform initiatives.

New positions at AMDD:

- Maria Valandra was hired to coordinate the Communities That Care (CTC) grant. CTC is a prevention system designed to reduce levels of adolescent delinquency and substance use through the selection and use of effective preventive interventions tailored to a community's specific profile of risk and protection.
- On Monday January 28th AMDD will welcome two new grant managers. These staff will be responsible for the management and implementation of the Zero Suicide and Prevention grants.
- The grant manager for the Partnership for Success grant will be hired in the next few weeks. This grant is focused on at risk families and youth that are involved in the active substance use and addiction.

Thank you to everyone who submitted input on the State Health Improvement Plan draft. Changes were made, and the final draft will be available at the end of the month.

According to Deborah Rumberger, AMDD's Behavioral Analyst, over 51,000 individuals received mental health services between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. The figures for those receiving substance use treatment are not yet finalized.

AMDD is in the process of vetting new substance use treatment providers to be added to the State Approved Provider List.