

**HEALTH COMMISSION  
EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM  
Health Commission 2021 Awards**

<b>Nominated Team/Program</b>	<b>Names of Individual Team Members/Titles</b>	<b>Section/Work Unit</b>	<b>Nominated by:</b>
Mental Health Services Act and Office of Equity and Workforce Development Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Juan Ibarra, MHSA Vocational Program Manager</li> <li>• Tracey Helton, MHSA Peer Support Program Manager</li> <li>• Teresa Yu MHSA Innovation Program Manager</li> <li>• Kim Ganade, MHSA Admin Asst.</li> <li>• Hannah Abarquez MHSA Program Assistant</li> <li>• Anthony Sarabia Vocational Specialist</li> <li>• Travis Hill Vocational Specialist</li> <li>• Heather Haney Peer Specialist</li> <li>• Alicia St. Andrews OEWD Project Specialist</li> <li>• Kristalia Williams OEWD Project Specialist</li> <li>• Ryan Fuimaono OEWD Internship Coordinator</li> <li>• Michelle Meier OEWD Training Manager</li> <li>• Michael Rojas OEWD Project Specialist</li> <li>• Michael Barrack, OEWD SUD Training Manager</li> <li>• Ali Jones-Bey</li> <li>• Sharon Lu, OEWD Training Specialist</li> <li>• Rosa Serpas OEWD Staff Wellness Retreat Manager</li> <li>• Diane Prentiss Acting QM Director</li> <li>• Trena Mukherjee MHSA Epidemiologist</li> <li>• Allen Flores MHSA Epidemiologist</li> <li>• Seth Pardo MHSA Epidemiologist</li> <li>• Alyssa Zachariah MHSA Budget Analyst</li> <li>• Shirley Giang DPH Business Office Budget Director</li> </ul>	SF Health Network/ Behavioral Health Services	Jessica Brown, Acting Director of the Office of Equity and Workforce Development

This year, the Mental Health Services Act Team worked diligently to uphold the principles of racial equity and social justice by ensuring that BHS implemented programs to serve diverse communities during the COVID pandemic. Each member of this team demonstrated resilience, collaboration, empathy, and diligence during this challenging time. The following is a partial list of the impactful activities of this group:

- Managing and implementing telehealth services for school-based programs
- Developing community health wellness webinars with the Board of Supervisors;
- Providing virtual peer support programs;
- Developing a culturally congruent mental health intervention for Black/African Americans;
- Partnering with the Office of Equity and Workforce Development to work with the SF Human Rights Commission on reallocating law enforcement funding to mental health services;
- Collaborating with the Latinx COVID Tasks Force to provide COVID testing, vaccination, and contract tracing;

In close partnership with the Mental Health Services Act team, the Office of Equity and Workforce Development Team has been responsible for implementing policies and practices to advance racial and health equity initiatives throughout Behavioral Health Services. During the pandemic, the team members continued to provide cultural competency, workforce development and wellness initiatives in addition to maintaining BHS training requirements for clinicians. The OEWD works towards providing high-quality culturally and linguistically appropriate services to serve the diverse needs of all San Franciscans. The following is a partial list of other incredible work the team contributed during the year:

- Developing a state mandated cultural competency plan;
- Implementation of the BHS portion of the DPH strategic racial equity action plan;
- Providing equity trainings for the BHS Street Crisis Response team;
- Providing consultation to other counties regarding racial equity initiatives;