

Date: March 17, 2026

To: All Community Based Mental Health Providers, Family Members, Consumers, and Interested Parties

From: Chris Rasmussen, Chair, Behavioral Health Commission

Subject: Nominations for the Tony Hoffman Community Mental Health Service Awards

The San Mateo County Behavioral Health Commission is seeking nominees for its annual **Tony Hoffman Community Mental Health Service Awards**. This honor is made to individuals, professionals, businesses, and the media who have made an extraordinary difference in the lives of people with mental illness and the San Mateo County community. Recognition is given for public education or advocacy to promote mental health awareness and needs or to address stigma; services to persons with mental illness; creation of new and innovative programs or community support activities; recognition of fundraising for mental health activities or long-term financial support to mental health programs; working for new mental health legislation; compassionate treatment of persons with mental illness.

Awards will be presented to honorees at the San Mateo County Behavioral Health Commission meeting, May 7, 2025. **Deadline for award nominations is 12:00 p.m. on April 17, 2026.**

Please mail or email your nomination forms to:

San Mateo County BHC
Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Attn: Kristie Lui
2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, Suite 235
San Mateo, CA 94403
kflui@smcgov.org

Awards Categories:

- Business:** A member of the community, not currently a mental health contractor, who has provided extraordinary services through any of the above-described activities
- Media:** An individual who has informed the public in a positive way through the media of the issues of mental illness or has portrayed the mentally ill in stories, articles or reports in a de-stigmatizing manner
- Client/Volunteer:** An individual not financially compensated for their work on mental health issues
- Law Enforcement:** Law enforcement officer who provides sensitive & compassionate understanding to individual(s) with mental illness
- Family Member:** Contributions to improving the lives of families who are impacted by mental illness through programs or activities that reach beyond their own family circumstances. Family is defined as parents, siblings, other relatives, partners, and significant others.
- Service Provider:** An individual or organization that has provided new or innovative programs, improved client or interagency collaboration, effectively worked in the community to reduce stigma

Additional Award Criteria:

1. Nominations are preferred for recent activity, but may recognize long-term activity or service.
2. Except for the Service Provider category, awards are for San Mateo County residents not currently employed by San Mateo County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services or its contracted agency providers. Nominees must have provided activities or services that benefit people with mental illness in San Mateo County.

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I NOMINATE _____ (name)

FOR A **TONY HOFFMAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE AWARD** IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY (CHECK ONE):

- BUSINESS MEDIA CLIENT/VOLUNTEER LAW ENFORCEMENT
 FAMILY MEMBER SERVICE PROVIDER

I BELIEVE THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION SHOULD RECEIVE AN AWARD BECAUSE:
(Attach additional sheets or continue on back, if necessary)

NOMINEE'S: ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

NOMINATED BY: NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT KRISTIE LUI at kflui@smcgov.org. FINAL SELECTIONS WILL BE MADE BY A COMMITTEE OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION (BHC). AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED DURING THE BHC MEETING, ON MAY 6, 2026. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

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