



Dear San Luis Valley Leaders,

Due to the ongoing concerns related to the spread of COVID-19 escalation and knowing the leaders of the San Luis Valley are implementing extensive measures to impact the spread of the virus. I would like to share with you the measures the San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group (SLVBHG) has taken.

The SLVBHG Leadership Team is committed to maintaining the continuity of our critical mission providing continued services to the people of the San Luis Valley. We will ensure that services are delivered in a manner that protects the health and safety of our staff and the people we serve. We are expecting people to have higher levels of anxiety in the current environment and may be seeking care from us, in addition to the people we already serve. We are mobilizing our service capabilities to meet this need.

Effective immediately the SLVBHG will transition outpatient services to teletherapy/telepsychiatry. This model will be in place through April 17 and at the end of this period we will evaluate to determine if this service delivery will be extended.

The majority of our clinical staff will provide services electronically or by phone and we have plans in place to ensure that medication services are not disrupted. At this time the services that will remain operational is our Mobile MAT Unit and Crisis Team. All continued face-to-face services (Emergency Services, Medication Injections and community based services) will be provided with personal protective equipment with in the community. All our locations will be limited for face-to-face contact services. Please contact me with any questions about our operational changes. It is also important to acknowledge your leadership and thank you for your efforts to meet this challenge.

Safety First,

Fernando A. Martinez

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