

## CHAC UPDATE TO JPA PARTNERS

Thank you JPA reps for sharing these talking points with your governing boards/leadership from 8/16/23 - 9/16/23.

- The environment in which mental health services are provided is rapidly evolving with both new challenges and new opportunities.
- CHAC has a 50-year history of providing critical support to individuals and families in the communities of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View and beyond.
- The CHAC board is committed to maintaining these critical community and school-based services that our communities rely upon in this changing environment.
- Fiscal challenges this year have impacted CHAC services, most notably the Clinic was placed on hiatus on August 1. The CHAC board and staff are evaluating sustainability options.
- Part of our sustainability evaluation includes whether or not CHAC should remain a completely stand-alone agency or should partner with another provider that shares our mission and expertise and has the ability to enhance how our services are provided.
- A natural byproduct of examining potential partnerships is whether or not the current Joint Powers Authority (JPA) structure is the best way for CHAC to be organized going forward (and whether or not the JPA structure would enhance or hinder potential partnerships)
- While no assumptions are being made as we examine structural and partnership alternatives, it is important for the CHAC board to communicate that the JPA structure is one of the issues being examined.
- We look forward to working with the JPA partner representatives on the board as well as the governing boards of each of the JPA members as we undertake this critical evaluation this Fall.