
**February 2016
Avatar Bulletin**

Santa Cruz County

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
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<http://www.santacruzhealth.org/avatar>

**Attention All County ADP and Mental Health Staff
Are you Prepared for Avatar?
Are you Trained in Avatar?**

- Contact Jeff Burt for all fiscal trainings for new staff.
- Testing scripts for fiscal staff who have been trained will be available the week of February 8, 2016.
- For the calendar on clinical trainings click on this link :
[I:\Shared\Training Materials\MyAvatar\Avatar User Training Signup Calendar](#)
- All users should have a username and password prior to training.
- If you do not, please, contact hsamhhelp@co.santa-cruz.ca.us, to get your user role assigned.

**Attention Clinical Managers and Supervisors
Mental Health - Transitioning Treatment Plans into Avatar
Meeting**

- Tease out questions or issues that require more discussion
- All MH Managers and Supervisors should attend
- Date & Location: February 3, 2016 at 3:00 pm, Room 207
- A document sent in a separate email on 2/1/2016 will be used to frame the discussion for the meeting.
- Bring your feedback and questions to the meeting, or send to Carmen A. Robles via email
carmen.robles@santacruzcounty.us prior to the meeting.

Get Ready, Get Set, GO!

A "Santa Cruz Avatar Clinician's Quick Start Guide" has been created. This Guide is to orient clinician's on their first day in Avatar. It will be available prior to Go Live!

Check out website for daily updates:

<http://www.santacruzhealth.org/avatar>

New Billing Plans

- There will be NO overlap between ShareCare and Avatar. Services will only be entered once.
- Those services dated February 29, 2016 and prior will exist only in ShareCare.

**ADP Programs
Sequestered versus Consented**

- ❖ Sequestered programs are for those clients who do not grant permission to share their information.
- ❖ Each legal entity will be able to see treatment for clients sequestered and consented in their own legal entity.
- ❖ Each legal entity will see only consented treatment outside of their legal entity.

CANS and ANSA, now in one form!

- ✚ CANS 0-5, 5+Comprehensive and the ANSA are combined into one form.
- ✚ Continuous testing of the form in February.
- ✚ Upon completion of testing and corrections, the form will be launched.

Presentation on User Roles

A PowerPoint presentation titled "Avatar User Set-up – Uncovering the Connections that Allow Full Use of the System" has been posted on the Avatar web page under Santa Cruz Training Scripts/Guides. It describes the multiple layers needed to set up user roles to ensure that staff are connected to the right forms, services, sites and service codes.