

**DSH-Metropolitan State Hospital  
Community Education Program  
Invites Families and Friends to a Informative Presentation on  
**The Healing Effect of a Pet Therapy****



**Presenter:  
Kandis Bowman-Lord, MSW and her dog, Gucci Lou**

**Kandis will be discussing the benefits of using pet therapy in treatment groups and individual therapy sessions with her clients who are dealing with psychiatric issues. She will be sharing how pet therapy assist in decreasing her client's anxiety, depression, and increased empathy/compassion not only for the service animal but for their peers, staff, and self.**

**Kandis's service dog name is Gucci Lou and she is a 5-year-old Chihuahua, she previously provided pet therapy at LAUSD and Millers Children Hospital. Gucci Lou is currently full-time pet therapy at Metropolitan State Hospital.**

**There will be time for questions, so feel free to bring a guest or two!**

**Saturday January 13, 2018  
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Location:  
James Hall  
Metropolitan State Hospital  
11401 Bloomfield Avenue  
Norwalk, Ca 90650**

**MSH-Community Mental Health Education Program is a community support group that provides free information sessions to the community, family, friends, and staff that care for those with mental illness.**

**For more information, please contact:**

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**Or**

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**\*\*\*\*Light Refreshments will be provided\*\*\*\***

**Thank you for being on time for the 11:30 a.m. meeting**