

**MARIN COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT PLANNING PROCESS
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, July 26, 2005**

**Priority Setting
Age Group Discussions**

Age Group: **Children & Youth** Transition-Age Youth Adults Older Adults

Please record your group's responses legibly.

- 1. Please list agreements on the top priority unserved target population(s) in your age group.** *(Please note: you do not need more than one target population.)*
 1. Age group 6-11 is the top priority.
 2. Age group 12-17 has high need that may need attention.
 3. Age group 0-5 will likely be addressed with prevention/early intervention program dollars.

2. What is the most important service for that target population?

Age Group Discussions and Recommendations for the 0-17 Populations

July 26, 2005

Facilitator: Karen

Note Taker: Lorenzo

Others Present: Joe, Cesar, Amy, Terrie, Leslie, Elberta, Kate

I. Clarification and Purpose of Group Discussion

- A. Review Focus Group and Survey recommendations and findings, respectively.
- B. To answer/make recommendations on the following three questions:
 - a. Which age group(s) is/are the most unserved or underserved?
 - b. Which geographic location(s) is/are the most unserved or underserved?
 - c. Which recommendations will be made based on need?

II. Some of the following topics/concerns were addressed and require additional follow-up discussion:

- A. We need further information regarding the prevalence data for 0-5 year olds (i.e. what were the criteria for determining how children 0-5 qualified?)
- B. How is prevalence defined?
- C. How do we determine how many 12-17 year olds are being served by AB 3632 and do not meet the 200% below poverty level criteria as outlined by Prop 63?
- D. We need clarification of the definition of "Prevention and Early Intervention" according to Prop 63 (that is, do they mean "primary prevention" or "secondary," really "early intervention?")

Recommendations Based on Age Group	Recommendations Based on Geography	Recommendations Based on Need
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first priority age groups was determined to be 6-11. The 6-11 yr. old group appears to be over-looked as current systems focus on higher risk children, which tend to be in the 12-17 yr. old age range. Further weight was given to the 6-11 yr. old group given that 12-17 yr. olds currently have AB 3632 services, the 0-5 yr. olds will likely be prioritized with the Prevention and Early Intervention portion of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Marin was clearly identified as the area most in need of services (Mill Valley, Tiburon, Sausalito, Marin City, etc.) while West Marin was also mentioned. • Novato and San Rafael were also identified as communities in need of additional services due to larger populations of children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Traditional Services need to be provided (e.g. not in an office, but wherever people are best served.) • Non-Traditional services, defined, should include culturally appropriate providers and services and should be easily accessible. • "Community" and "Family Based" Services need to be clearly defined and based in these systems. "Community"

<p>Intervention portion of the MHSA still to be defined by the state, and providing services to 6-11 yr. olds earlier and in more non-traditional ways may reduce the need of subsequent age groups.. Outreach to the latter age group should be focused on pediatricians and parents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional issues brought forth within this discussion specific to age group concerns were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>0-5</u>: access, location, and availability of services. b. <u>6-11</u>: services need to have a clear focus on prevention and early intervention. Bullying significantly affects this age group. c. <u>12-17</u>: services need to focus on suicide and violence prevention along with drug and alcohol education and prevention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further discussions re geography looked at breaking down geographical areas into service delivery sites or foci, e.g. neighborhood, schools, homes, etc. • Examples of justification of recommendation for increasing services in S. Marin include: the dearth of agencies and service delivery sites, large (relatively) number of subsidized and Section 8 housing in Mill Valley. 	<p>these systems. “Community involvement” speaks to the “communities” portion of the CSS Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services need to focus on increasing occurrences of violence and suicide w/ a focus on prevention and intervention rather than a reactionary response.
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People 65 and over with serious mental illness who are isolated and without mental health services.

- 2. What is the most important service for that target population?**

Priority Target Population(s)	Priority Services for That Group <i>(Please note: you do not need to have more than one priority service per target population)</i>
1. Without a family or local support system	1.a. Outreach partnerships 1.b. Navigator/case management 1.c. Geriatric psychiatric services team
2. Physical health or memory problems, including limited mobility	2.a. Outreach partnerships 2.b. Navigator/case management 2.c. Geriatric psychiatric services team

3. No transportation and isolated	3.a. Outreach partnerships 3.b. Navigator/case management 3.c. Transportation linkage
4. Cultural issues including non-English speaking and illiteracy	4.a. Outreach partnerships 4.b. Cultural appropriate case management services 4.c. Geriatric psychiatric services team

3. What geographic area or location of the county should services to unserved population(s) be expanded to?

1. Southern Marin
2. West Marin
- 3.

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Follow Up TAY Workgroup Meeting, August 1, 2005

1. Please list agreements on the top priority unserved target population in your age group.

- Create TAY team (for 16-25 year old clients) which is multidisciplinary, culturally appropriate, addressing AOD issues that will provide integrated on-going, comprehensive community of care with a flex fund.
- Housing resources with least restrictive conditions necessary geared for TAY as a foundation for a spectrum of services.

2. What is the most important service for that target population?

Housing with appropriate, individual, culturally appropriate supports. (For example, TAY team. Housing appropriate for the age group, psycho-education, education and career planning, etc.)

3. What geographic area should services be expanded to?

Initially, central Marin location, then gather data on distribution of underserved TAY population in the county.

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Hispanic and Asian severely mentally ill patients, esp. in the geographic areas identified.

2. What is the most important service for that target population?

Self-help and peer operated services

Supported housing, supported education and training and supported employment to insure sustained independence

Intensive case management

3. What geographic area should services be expanded to?

Novato

Canal

Marin City

West Marin - needs to be a minimum offering of services to all of the small communities in West Marin area

There should be consideration of offering MH services thru well-known and trusted organizations already working in these communities.