

Join a Workgroup !

We need your input - each workgroup will focus on a specific area of need. You may participate in any group that you have an interest in. The groups are:

1. Children and Youth Services Workgroup

The Children and Youth Services Workgroup will make recommendations for new and expanded mental health services for the transformation of services for children and youth with serious emotional disturbance (SED), as well as services for their families. This includes uninsured youth not eligible for Medi-Cal, youth in the juvenile justice system, and youth at risk of foster home placement. Special emphasis will be placed on providing services to persons from underserved ethnic populations.

For questions regarding this workgroup, please contact Kim Suderman or Michele Roland-Bird at telephone number 468-2385.

2. Transition Age Youth Workgroup

The Transition Age Youth Workgroup (TAY) will make recommendations for new and expanded mental health services for the transformation of services for individuals between the ages of 16 and 25 with a serious emotional disturbance or serious mental illness. This includes youth who are homeless or are at risk of being homeless, and youth who are aging out of services for children and youth. Special emphasis will be placed on providing services to persons from underserved ethnic populations.

For questions regarding this workgroup, please contact Michele Roland-Bird at telephone number 468-2385 or Lyn Thomas-Shaw at telephone number 468-3490.

3. Adult Workgroup

The Adult Workgroup individuals will make recommendations for new and expanded mental health services for the transformation of services for adults with a serious mental illness. This group includes persons who are at risk of being homeless, hospitalized and/or jailed or imprisoned, because of a mental illness. Special emphasis will be placed on providing services to persons from underserved ethnic populations.

For questions regarding this workgroup, please contact Becky Gould at telephone number 468-9370, John Schaeffer at telephone number 468-8720 or Tosh Saruwatari at telephone number 468-8854.

4. Older Adult Workgroup

The Older Adults Workgroup will make recommendations for new and expanded mental health services for the transformation of services for older adults (over 60 years of age). This group includes individuals who have a reduction in personal or community functioning, who are homeless or at risk of being homeless, or who are institutionalized or are at risk of being institutionalized. Special emphasis will be placed on older adults from underserved ethnic populations.

For questions regarding this workgroup, please contact Sue Gruber at telephone number 468-3760.

5. Justice Workgroup

The Justice Workgroup will make recommendations for new and expanded mental health services for the transformation of services for individuals with serious mental illness, who are at risk of serving time in jail or prison. Special emphasis will be placed on providing services to persons from underserved ethnic populations.

For questions regarding this workgroup, please contact Linda Collins at telephone number 468-8786.

6. Underserved Ethnic Populations Workgroup

The Underserved Ethnic Populations Workgroup will make recommendations for new and expanded mental health services for the transformation of services for individuals who are unserved, underserved or inappropriately served, which includes: Asian, African-American and Latino communities--with limited access to community mental health services, and in some instances only 25% or less of the access compared to other groups. The crucial role of this workgroup is to make recommendations on how to increase access of the unserved, underserved and inappropriately served populations. Another role is to ensure that cultural competence is embedded in all services.

For questions regarding this workgroup, please contact Marla Ford at telephone number 468-8842.

You may also contact us at telephone number, for general information: Lois Lang, phone (209) 952-1143 or llang@leadershipone.net or Richard Sanguinetti (209) 986-2249 or rsanguinetti@sjcbhs.org