

Additional Considerations
Identified by the Services Committee's
Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan Instructions Workgroup

Topics Recommended for Additional Conversations/Follow-up:

How can we plan for the additional workforce needs that will accompany the implementation of the Affordable Care Act?

Role of the Mental Health Boards in Oversight of Counties

Build a mechanism for Mental Health Services Act to be responsive to other major shifts in policy or law that impact mental health services and the way they are funded or provided (i.e., Affordable Care Act (ACA), Assembly Bill 3632 (school mental health), etc.).

Determine if a paradigm shift is needed for Prevention and Early Intervention to reflect changes due to ACA, i.e., increased integration with physical health. This conversation should include the mental health and physical health communities.

Opportunities for Quality Improvement:

Further clarification is needed on what constitutes “meaningful review” by stakeholders. However caution needs to be exercised so that counties are not boxed into something that is not effective for them.

The Commission should remain mindful of ensuring that counties honor the role of stakeholders in providing input, throughout the entire process, of designing and delivering mental health services.

The suggestion was made to have counties describe in their plan, what made their stakeholder process meaningful.

Counties and the Commission should remain vigilant regarding the inclusion of underserved and underserved populations in the planning process, including newly emerging populations. The need for strategic long- term vision and thinking by counties should be reinforced by the Commission.

The Commission should identify and publicize best practices with regards to the most effective mechanisms for stakeholder input into county mental health planning and service provision.

CSS Performance reports at county and provider levels are needed for effective quality improvement efforts.

The Services Committee requests that

- 1) The words “and decision making” be added after “planning” and before “process” in the third bullet on page 3 under the “what to Include in the Plan about the Stakeholder Process” section of the instructions.
- 2) Requests that the local stakeholder process be meaningful.