

California Mental Health Planning Council

**Advocacy Committee**

**Wednesday, March 9, 2016**

1501 Capitol Avenue  
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Sacramento, Ca 95814  
Conference Call Capability

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10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter or Facilitator</b>	<b>Tab</b>
10:00 am	Welcome and Introductions	Darlene Prettyman, Chairperson	
10:05	Agenda Review	Darlene Prettyman	
10:10	Legislative Platform	Darlene Prettyman and All	A
10:15	Work Plan Review and Development	Darlene Prettyman and All	B
10:40	Legislative Updates Any Legislation related to Mental Health may be discussed, including but not limited to: SB 614, S. 1945, H.R. 2646, H.R. 4435, Housing Bond.	Darlene Prettyman	C
10:55	Public Comment	Darlene Prettyman and All	
11:00 am	Adjourn	Darlene Prettyman	

**The scheduled times on the agenda are estimates and subject to change.**

**Committee Members:**

**Chair:** Darlene Prettyman

**Vice-Chair:** Maya Petties

**Members:** Nadine Ford, Barbara Mitchell, Daphne Shaw, Monica Wilson, Arden Tucker, Steve Leoni, Adam Nelson, Carmen Lee

**Staff:** Dorinda Wiseman

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**DATE OF MEETING 03/09/2016**

**MATERIAL  
PREPARED BY: Wiseman**

**DATE MATERIAL  
PREPARED 02/23/2016**

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	Legislative Platform
<b>ENCLOSURES:</b>	2016 Platform

**BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION:**

**Planning Council is mandated to monitor, review and evaluate the adequacy of mental health services within the State. The Platform provides a framework the Planning Council works from.**

# CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

## LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

January 2016

### **Mandatory Planks (Definitely discuss and/or take position on)**

- 1. Support proposals that embody the principles of the *Mental Health Master Plan*.
- 2. Support policies that reduce and eliminate stigma and discrimination.
- 3. Support proposals that address the human resources problem in the public mental health system with specific emphasis on increasing cultural diversity and promoting the employment of consumers and family members.
- 4. Support proposals that augment mental health funding, consistent with the principles of least restrictive care and adequate access, and oppose any cuts.
- 5. Support legislation that safeguards mental health insurance parity and ensures quality mental health services in health care reform
- 6. Support expanding affordable housing and affordable supportive housing.
- 7. Actively advocate for the development of housing subsidies and resources so that housing is affordable to people living on SSI.
- 8. Support expanding employment options for people with psychiatric disabilities, particularly processes that lead to certification and more professional status and establish stable career paths.
- 9. Support proposals to lower costs by eliminating duplicative, unnecessary, or ineffective regulatory or licensing mechanisms of programs or facilities.
- 10. Support initiatives that reduce the use of seclusion and restraint.
- 11. Support adequate funding for evaluation of mental health services.
- 12. Support initiatives that maintain or improve access to mental health services, particularly to unserved, underserved populations, and maintain or improve quality of services.
- 13. Oppose all bills related to “NIMBYism” and restrictions on housing and siting facilities for providing mental health services.
- 14. Support initiatives that provide comprehensive health care and improved quality of life for people living with mental illness, and oppose any elimination of health benefits for low income beneficiaries, and advocate for reinstatement of benefits that have been eliminated.
- 15. Oppose any legislation that adversely affects the principles and practices of the Mental Health Services Act.
- 16. Support policy that enhances the quality of the stakeholder process, improves the participation of consumers and family members, and fully represents the racial/cultural demography of the targeted population.
- 17. Support policies that require the coordination of data and evaluation processes at all levels of mental health services.
- 18. Support policies that promote appropriate services to be delivered in the least restrictive setting possible.

- 19. Support policies or legislation that promote the mission, training and resources for local behavioral health boards and commissions.
- 20. Support policies/initiatives that promote the integration of mental health, substance use disorders and physical health care services.

#### **Discretionary Planks (Require Deliberation & Discussion)**

- 1. Support any proposal that advocates for blended funding for programs serving clients with co-occurring disorders that include mental illness.
- 2. Support any proposal that advocates for providing more services in the criminal and juvenile justice systems for persons with serious mental illnesses or children, adolescents, and transition-aged youth with serious emotional disturbances, including clients with co-occurring disorders.
- 3. Support any proposal that specifies or ensures that the mental health services provided to AB109 populations are paid for with AB 109 funding.
- 4. Support the modification or expansion of curricula for non-mental health professionals to acquire competency in understanding basic mental health issues and perspectives of direct consumers and family members.
- 5. Promote the definition of outreach to mean “patient, persistent, and non-threatening contact” when used in context of engaging hard to reach populations.
- 6. Support policies, legislation or statewide initiatives that ensure the integrity of processes at the local behavioral health boards and commissions.
- 7. Support the modification or expansion of curricula for Mental Health professionals to fully encompass the concepts of recovery, resiliency, cultural competence, cultural humility, and perspectives of consumers, family members and members of cultural communities.

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<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	Work Plan
<b>ENCLOSURES:</b>	Draft Work Plan

**BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION:**

**Advocacy Committee will review the current Work Plan items for updates and next steps. Also, Committee members will explore possible new Work Plan activities that address the Council's upcoming area of focus: Children and Youth.**

**ADVOCACY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN  
2015-2016**

<p><b>Goal 1:</b></p> <p><b>Report on logistical, fiscal and/or programmatic efforts being made to transition people out of IMDs. If none, what challenges are experienced in doing so.</b></p>	<p><b>Rationale:</b></p> <p><b>Support Council focus on Alternatives to Locked Facilities. Federal Public Law (PL) 106-310- Monitor, review and evaluate annually, the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within the State. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5772.</b></p>	<p><b>Description of Work:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMD data will be provided by DHCS, possibly April 2016;</li> <li>• A report, separate from Alternatives to Locked Facilities, will be completed by the end of 2016, regarding IMDs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Target Audience:</b></p> <p><b>Stakeholders, Legislators, DHCS, local Mental Health Boards</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Objectives</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Action Steps</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Timeline</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Leads</b></p>
<p>Secure data on placements in IMDs and length of stay.</p>	<p>Request data from DHCS; Request data from counties</p>	<p>Prior to June 2016</p>	<p>Staff</p>

**ADVOCACY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN  
2015-2016**

<b>Goal 2:</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>	<b>Description of Work:</b>	<b>Target Audience:</b>
<p><b>Look into closures of Residential Care Facilities in California</b></p>	<p>Federal Public Law (PL) 106-310- Monitor, review and evaluate annually, the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within the State.</p> <p>Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5772(2) To review, assess, and make recommendations regarding all components of California's mental health system, and to report as necessary to the Legislature, the State Department of Health Care Services, local boards, and local programs, and (5) To advise the Legislature, the State Department of Health Care Services, and county boards on mental health issues and the policies and priorities that this state should be pursuing in developing its mental health system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain data on the Levels of Care Statistics on closures, length of stay, flow of transition for individuals utilizing RCFs;</li> <li>•</li> <li>• Provide recommendations for statewide changes (e.g. Prohibition of Centralized medication Storage, etc.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Policy makers in Community Care Licensing at CDSS; Legislature Stakeholders</b></p>

**ADVOCACY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN  
2015-2016**

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Leads</b>
Obtain data and statistics on number of facilities, closures in recent past, reasons for closures, any data on need, etc.	Hear from experts in the field. Do online research regarding licensing and closures.	June 2016	Staff and committee members

<p><b>Goal 3:</b></p> <p><b>Report Children and Youth (2016-2017)</b></p>	<p><b>Rationale:</b></p> <p><b>Support Council focus on Alternatives to Locked Facilities. Federal Public Law (PL) 106-310- Monitor, review and evaluate annually, the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within the State. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5772. Focus on Children and Youth.</b></p>	<p><b>Description of Work:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain data on the number of children in out-of-state MH Placements;</li> <li>• Obtain information on the Length of Stay;</li> <li>• Conditions for which the children and youth are placed (e.g. Court order, Parental request, etc.);</li> <li>• Demographics on the population placed Out-of-State Include distance from family/support system</li> </ul>	<p><b>Target Audience:</b></p> <p><b>Stakeholders, Legislators, DHCS, local Mental Health Boards</b></p>
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**ADVOCACY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN  
2015-2016**

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Leads</b>
Secure data on out-of-state placements and length of stay.	Request data from DHCS  Request data from CDSS; Contact California Alliance of Child and Family Services	Prior to October 2016	Staff

<b>Goal 4:</b>  <b>Report Children and Youth (2016-2017)</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>  <b>Federal Public Law (PL) 106-310- Monitor, review and evaluate annually, the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within the State. Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5772. Focus on Children and Youth with the Juvenile Justice System.</b>	<b>Description of Work:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain data on Children and Youth receiving MH/SUD Treatment within the State;</li> <li>• Obtain data on Children and Youth placed Out-of-Home;</li> <li>• Obtain data on Children and Youth placed Out-of-State;</li> <li>• Demographics on the treatment availability;</li> <li>• Data on Outcome Measures</li> </ul>	<b>Target Audience:</b>  <b>Stakeholders, Legislators, DHCS, local Mental Health Boards</b>
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Leads</b>
Secure data on Children and Youth receiving MH/SUD Treatment Services	Request data from CDSS, CHA, DHCS, BSCC, CDCR	Prior to October 2016	Staff

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<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	Legislative Updates
<b>ENCLOSURES:</b>	Tracking Sheet

**BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION:**

**Review of State and Federal legislation that could impact Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder Treatment in California.**

Friday, February 19, 2016

[AB 741](#)

**(Williams D) Mental health: community care facilities.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/4/2015

**Introduced:** 2/25/2015

**Last Amend:** 5/4/2015

**Status:** 7/17/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was HUM. S. on 6/11/2015)

**Location:** 7/17/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would expand the definition of a social rehabilitation facility to include a residential facility that provides social rehabilitation services in a group setting to children, adolescents, or adults recovering from mental illness or in a mental health crisis. By expanding the types of facilities that are regulated as a community care facility, this bill would expand the scope of an existing crime, thus creating a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Subject**

[AB 1025](#)

**(Thurmond D) Pupil health: multitiered and integrated interventions pilot program.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 8/18/2015

**Introduced:** 2/26/2015

**Last Amend:** 8/18/2015

**Status:** 8/28/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/27/2015)

**Location:** 8/28/2015-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Current law makes a one-time appropriation from the General Fund to the Superintendent to apportion to a designated county office of education or designated county offices of education for the purposes of providing technical assistance and encouraging and assisting in the development of schoolwide, data-driven systems of learning and behavioral supports to meet the needs of California's diverse learners. This bill, until January 1, 2020, would require designated county office of education or county offices of education in the above-mentioned appropriation, in conjunction with the State Board of Education and a steering committee that the bill would require the department to establish, to establish a 3-year pilot program to encourage inclusive practices that integrate mental health, special education, and school climate interventions following a multitiered framework in school districts that apply to participate, as specified.

**Subject**

Children's

Mental Health

[AB 1576](#)

**(Eggman D) Pupil health: school-based mental health services.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/4/2016

**Introduced:** 1/4/2016

**Status:** 1/5/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee February 4.

**Location:** 1/4/2016-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would utilize school-based mental health services to address the mental health needs of children in the state.

**Subject**

[AB 1644](#)

**(Bonta D) School-based early mental health intervention and prevention services.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/11/2016

**Introduced:** 1/11/2016

**Status:** 2/4/2016-Referred to Coms. on ED. and HEALTH.

**Location:** 2/4/2016-A. ED.

**Summary:** Would, under the School-based Early Mental Health Intervention and Prevention Services for Children Act of 199, expand the definition of an eligible pupil to include a pupil who attends a preschool program at a publicly funded elementary school and a pupil who is in transitional kindergarten, thereby extending the application of the act to those persons. The bill would also include charter schools in the definition of local educational agency, thereby extending the application of the act to those entities.

**Subject**

**Current Text:** Amended: 6/3/2015

**Introduced:** 1/13/2015

**Last Amend:** 6/3/2015

**Status:** 2/1/2016-Died on file pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

**Location:** 2/1/2016-S. DEAD

**Summary:** Would revise the definition of modernization under the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 to include the replacement of facilities on a site containing a permanent structure that is at least 25 years old or, in the case of a portable classroom, that is at least 20 years old, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Subject**

**SB 614** (Leno D) Medi-Cal: mental health services: peer, parent, transition-age, and family support specialist certification.

**Current Text:** Amended: 8/31/2015

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amend:** 8/31/2015

**Status:** 9/11/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/3/2015)

**Location:** 9/11/2015-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would require the State Department of Health Care Services to establish, by July 1, 2017, a statewide peer, parent, transition-age, and family support specialist certification program, as a part of the state's comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder delivery system and the Medi-Cal program. The bill would include 4 certification categories: adult peer support specialists, transition-age youth peer support specialists, family peer support specialists, and parent peer support specialists.

**Subject**

**SB 884** (Beall D) Pupil services: mental health services.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/19/2016

**Introduced:** 1/19/2016

**Status:** 1/28/2016-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 1/28/2016-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Current law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to administer the special education provisions of the Education Code and ensure provision of, and supervise, education and related services to individuals with exceptional needs, as required pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the provision of mental health services to pupils with exceptional needs.

**Subject**

**Total Measures: 7**

**Total Tracking Forms: 7**