California Behavioral Health Planning Council Housing and Homelessness Committee Work Plan 2024 - 2025

GOAL 1

Advocate for Equitable Access to Housing for Persons with Serious Mental Illness Across the Lifespan

Objective: Assess the availability of housing resources for persons across the lifespan and review how state laws have impeded matters contributing to housing and homelessness issues

Target Audience: Counties, stakeholders, Legislature

Activities:

- Review and evaluate housing resources and funding for individuals with substance use disorders (SUD), youth, transition-age youth (TAY), foster youth, adults, and older adults (share resources with the committee).
- Identify state laws and regulations that impede on matters contributing to housing and homelessness issues.
 - Coordinated Entry issues
- Identify types of housing and make recommendations for certain populations.
 - o Housing models that allow an adult child to live with the parents.
 - Housing programs for older adults and people coming out of foster care.
 - Housing programs for individuals with SUDs (e.g. sober living environments).
- Share resources of information gathered to be made available to the public.
- Track performance outcomes of various housing initiatives.

Timeline: January 2025 – December 2025

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GOAL 2

Contribute to the Development of Regulations for Housing Initiatives for Persons with Serious Mental Illness

Objective: Provide input and recommendations on the development and implementation of housing regulations

Target Audience: Counties, stakeholders, Legislature

Activities:

- Identify and review housing funding initiatives on the horizon and in development stages to identify opportunities to provide input.
 - Behavioral Health Bridge Housing
 - CA Interagency Council on Homelessness Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness
 - o Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)
 - Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act (BHIBA)
- Identify new housing initiatives that may provide an opportunity for Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) and Residential Care for the Elderly (RCFE) funding.
- Collaborate with stakeholders and provide stakeholder feedback.
- Develop written input and recommendations.

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