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TO: Fellow DHCS BH SAC Members

FROM: Dr. Jim Kooler

The DHCS BH SAC is designed to provide input on the continuous improvement of the behavioral health system prevention, treatment and recovery services to the Director of DHCS.

On July 1, 2019 the following advisory groups were incorporated into the DHCS BH SAC:

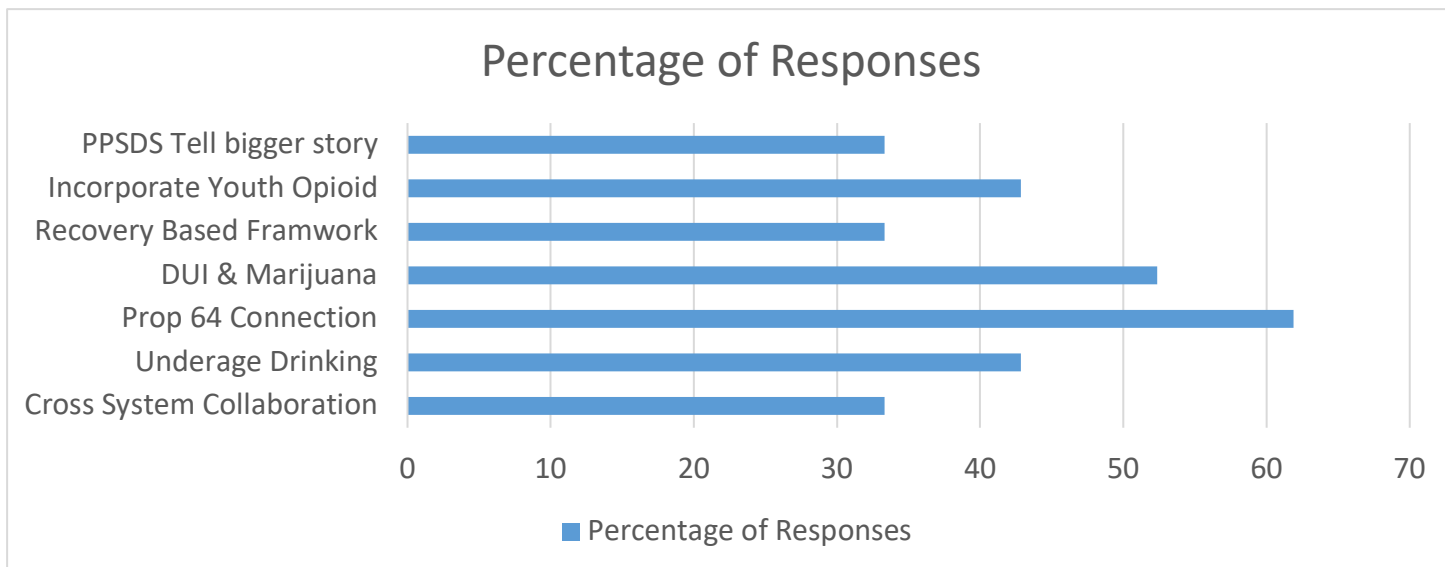
- Youth Advisory Group
- Driving Under the Influence Advisory Group
- Performance Outcome System Stakeholder Advisory Group
- Narcotic Treatment Program Advisory Committee
- Interagency Prevention Advisory Council

The passion, enthusiasm and need for attention for the issues in each of the stakeholder groups remains high while the time on the DHCS BH SAC agenda has focused on the very important Medi-Cal funding issues and waiver opportunities. In my discussion with colleagues in the Prevention Field and Friday Night Live Network I was hearing questions about how issues and topics will be advanced in the absence of the previous advisory groups and in the context of the DHCS BH SAC. I attempted to condense the questions I was hearing and prepared a survey to gather input from the groups I try to represent.

The following eight questions were disseminated via Survey Monkey to the County Prevention Coordinators, Friday Night Live Coordinators and other individuals who have communicated with me from the former advisory groups:

1. What opportunities exist for better cross system collaboration?
2. What are the latest efforts on the prevention of underage drinking?
3. What are the priorities for the Prop 64 prevention efforts and how do they connect with the existing infrastructure?
4. How are DUI programs addressing marijuana impairment?
5. How can we move to a broader recovery-based framework for our substance abuse and behavioral health system?
6. How can the youth opioid projects be better incorporated into the prevention systems?
7. How can PPSDS be used to tell story of prevention beyond just the SAHMSA funds?
8. What other topics do you think should be brought to the group? Feel free to reframe the above questions!

The chart on the next page shows the percentages of responses to each of the items. Individuals were not limited to choosing one topic.



Question number 8 invited respondents to provide further input. The key additional themes that were of concern to people included:

1. Where does prevention fit into the continuum of services? Clearly define prevention and look at cost/benefit of AOD prevention.
2. Continue the work of the YAG in defining the system of care for youth to be more responsive to the needs of young people utilizing the DMC Waiver Benefit Definitions.
3. How could a Recovery Oriented System of Care Principles enhance our systems in CA?
4. Expand Underage drinking efforts to include marijuana.
5. How are SUD programs addressing marijuana now that it is legal?
6. Youth opioid services need to be incorporated into treatment as well as prevention.
7. Addressing the needs of specific populations – older adults, non English speaking.
8. Workforce development and retention- how can we create career paths?
9. How to modify behavioral health regulations, some outdated, without needing to change states
10. CAL AIMS – role of providers and other stakeholders in the implementation of patient centered, integrated whole person healthcare frameworks.
11. Communicating activities across systems –
 - a. Can DHSC BH SAC leverage and coordinate efforts (linkage to Prop 64 workgroup)?
 - b. Across Departments and Agencies.
 - c. Activate Local jurisdictions to adopt SPF, community based environmental approaches to prevent/reduce impaired driving. (use Place of Last Drink (POLD) data to look at settings).
 - d. DUI issues cut across agencies and it is not just alcohol anymore– DMV, Courts, Probation, Programs.
12. The principles of quality Responsible Beverage Server Training used at the local level, can also be applied to the sale of marijuana and tobacco.
13. Maximize EPSDT for youth SUD treatment.
14. Look at alternative payment methods (value based, fee for service, case and or pay for performance).
15. Are there potential opportunities to increase resources for prevention services with the new funding strategies?

Many of the individuals who raised topics are willing to help prepare presentations. As we look to the future, there is much work that has been started that can provide a foundation to move forward that compliments our work on Medi-Cal waivers and service delivery models.