Regional Advocacy Meeting – Yolo County  
Friday, November 8, 2019

Represented: Mental health advocates from Yolo County, Sacramento County, Solano County, Amador County

Question: If this was done right (in relation to table topic), what would it look like?

Table 1: Housing with Mental Health Services

Create a California state mandate for the continuum of housing and related supportive services for individuals with mental illness. Support the mandate with sufficient funding and provide standards, organization, oversight, and accountability with additional staffing positions. Please connect with local non-profits and CBOs!

Table 2: Services for Individuals Involved in the Criminal Justice System

If we did this well, through early intervention, there would be fewer people with mental illnesses involved in the criminal justice system. There would be reduced stigma and increased safety if they were appropriately housed and treated in the community.

Table 3: Addressing Issues with Accessing and/or Receiving Services

With new funding, require intra-agency collaboration and mandated wellness centers in every county to increase communication, outreach and case management services. Using this funding, our three priorities of improvement include access and continuation of long-term services, case management and crisis services.

Table 4: Closing Service Gaps Between Youth and Mental Health Services

Families are ensured a strong foundation to meet basic needs so that parents are in a position to be educated and focus on mental health maintenance. Systems would increase availability of services and streamline entry and access.

Table 5: Housing with Mental Health Services

If we did housing well, we would understand the needs of each jurisdiction and be able to provide the appropriate level of housing and services.

Table 6: Services for Individuals Involved in the Criminal Justice System

First Responder practices have to have less of a traditional police response and more of a medical response. We want to treat individuals with respect in a humanitarian manner – not in a criminalizing manner.

Table 7: Addressing Issues with Accessing and/or Receiving Services

[to policymakers] To resolve growing mental health issues in California, we need your support for ongoing legislation for accessible mental health care, including insurance parity, health equity, and 24-7 access to mental health services. It’s essential that you
emphasize the promotion of community engagement around mental health issues, awareness, and resilience-building.

**Table 8: Closing Service Gaps Between Youth and Mental Health Services**

Having governmental/organizational/administrative support. Having support within outreach, education, and visibility to promote unification. Having a visible, honest, open community dialogue in order to humanize the conversation of mental health, through governmental/organization/administrative/community leaders. Support the tools that will encourage people living with mental illness that they can survive and thrive after crisis.