

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES TASK FORCE

SUBJECT AREAS FOR DISCUSSION ON OCTOBER 8, 2014

Based on the July 24, 2014, meeting, the following organization of subject areas, and possible topics within those areas, has been identified for consideration by the Task Force. Input is needed from the Task Force on:

- The organization of the subject areas and possible scope;
- The relative priorities of the subject areas and the topics within the subject areas;
- What data are needed;
- How to identify the participants of each workgroup;
- What expertise is needed; and
- How to move forward.

SUBJECT AREAS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Future Services and Service Policies

Possible scope:

- Service trends, emerging issues and unmet needs
- The new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations for Home and Community-Based Services
- Past service reductions and freezes
- Service changes occurring throughout the California Health and Human Services Agency
- Policies and services that are needed

2. Service Rates, the Rate-Setting Structure and Sustainability

Possible scope:

- The rate structure and rate-setting methodologies
- Factors impacting sustainability
- New development and innovation
- Cost of living and geographical considerations
- Minimum wage changes
- Initiatives that will strengthen community services

3. Regional Centers

Possible scope:

- Regional center services and requirements
- Caseload ratios
- The core staffing formula and regional center funding
- Standardizing regional center functions
- Equity considerations

4. Employment and Higher Education Opportunities

Possible scope:

- Meaningful opportunities for education and employment
- The new CMS regulations for Home and Community-Based Services
- The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- The Workforce Investment Board/boards
- Benefits management for consumers

5. Medical, Dental, Mental Health and Durable Medical Equipment

Possible scope:

- Medication management and protocols
- Access to psychiatric and mental health services locally
- Safety nets for medical and mental health services
- Access to dental anesthesia
- Access to durable medical equipment and services
- Use of developmental center resources
- The impact/role of managed care
- Services funded by the Mental Health Services Act grants

6. Housing and Ensuring Safety

Possible scope:

- Affordable housing and housing needs
- Successful housing models and investments
- Safety net(s)
- The stability and qualifications of the workforce
- Consumer health and safety, and protecting against abuse
- Use of developmental center resources