

Regional Partnerships

Special Topic Workgroup

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MHSA Workforce Education and
Training

Stakeholder Recommendations

- Allow natural geographic groupings of counties to form for easy access and commonness of purpose
- Start with existing school/county/contract agency internship sharing networks
- Incorporate or join viable, existing community networks, such as local workforce investment boards, BEST Networks, Mayor's Committees
- Use to expand and replicate local training programs
- Have consumers/family members provide the staff support to the regional partnerships

Stakeholder Recommendations(2)

- Use regional partnerships to reach out to such entities as cultural organizations, high schools, seniors groups, faith based organizations, hospital psychiatric residency programs
- Use to build consumer/family member cadre to provide presentations/trainings to schools, organizations
- Use as a forum to develop best practices, curricula, and methods of training
- Centralize IT equipment and meeting space for multi-purpose functions

CMHPC Recommendation

The Five-Year Plan should provide funding to expand throughout California the model provided by the Bay Area Workforce Collaborative.

Workgroup Strategies

Workgroup developed rationale, functions, structure, and funding strategy to implement regional partnerships throughout California

Workgroup Strategies(2)

- Partner with CMHDA and CIMH to start five regional partnerships, and establish more, as appropriate
- Fund statewide staff , operating costs to support regional partnership development, sustain structure, and ensure inclusion of all stakeholders
- Each regional partnership defines and funds its functions

Workgroup Strategies(3)

Functions include:

- Exchange job/internship opportunities
- Convene education/training issues, such as curriculum development
- Hub for learning, sharing, decision-making, intern supervision, care at a distance
- Collaborate with allied support systems
- Determine recipients for stipends/loan forgiveness/scholarships

Workgroup Strategies(4)

- Provide ongoing supports to consumers/family members employed in PMH, such as benefits planning
- Regional addressing of public education and stigma reduction
- Regional expert pool for development of consumers/family members as leaders, speakers, trainers, evaluators
- Identify and coordinate funding opportunities and strategies
- Forum for policy inclusion across counties

Next Steps

Workgroup to review proposed funding strategies – no next meeting scheduled