

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

Resolution 13-02

Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention Principles

WHEREAS, the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), an existing statewide administrative entity formed by counties acting jointly, sees opportunities are available under the current scope of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).

WHEREAS, CalMHSA-administered Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Statewide Projects have built capacities and resources.

WHEREAS, Statewide PEI stakeholders have a vested interest in the continuation of Statewide PEI Projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CalMHSA's Board of Directors endorses the principles listed below to guide future discussion and sustainability efforts:

- 1) Counties shall continue to act jointly through CalMHSA in the management of Statewide PEI efforts:
 - a. The MHSA Statewide PEI efforts funded by counties and managed by a statewide Joint Powers Authority have been proven to be an effective use of MHSA funds. As demonstrated by the RAND Corporation's recent (first) progress report, the contractors are reaching out, the messages are being heard, and the measurements are in place for assessing long term impact.
 - b. The MHSA Statewide PEI efforts are in line with the national call to action to build and strengthen prevention, early recognition and intervention efforts.
- 2) All County participation related to Statewide PEI may be guided by each county's local planning process.
- 3) CalMHSA shall continually review and assess current PEI efforts, and seek and evaluate additional, new efforts.
- 4) Statewide PEI efforts shall have established benchmarks that CalMHSA will track, including evaluating effectiveness and sustainability.
- 5) Statewide PEI projects shall seek to maximize effectiveness by leveraging the MHSA funding with other funding sources, for instance:
 - a. Education funds to match PEI funds to be applied at K-12 through University level population (that are refined to improve effectiveness)
 - b. Foundation funding
 - c. Affordable Care Act (ACA) prevention grant funding

- d. Other grant funding (Federal or State) for specific efforts, such as suicide prevention, stigma reduction, PEI program evaluation, and research.
- 6) Counties, through their participation in CMHDA and CalMHSA, shall work towards a funding solution to sustain Statewide PEI projects for a period of five to ten years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Directors of CalMHSA on _____.

Ayes: _____ Noes: _____ Abstains: _____ Absent: _____

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