COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES- DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE

Discussion Questions and Standing Committee Meeting Responses

August 14, 2014

A. **What are the "root causes" of trauma for your age group and/or focal population?**
   1. Violence, abuse, domestic violence, disenfranchisement, social isolation, stigma, poverty
   2. Contributing factors- cultural cycle of degradation of the Family Structure (destruction of family), lack of education, media portrayal, lack of community inclusion, culture that promotes lack of respect
      a. Priority Groups for Adult Innovations Projects
         - Incarcerated
         - Homeless
         - Mentally Ill
         - UREP
            o Immigrant Population

B. **What model(s) do you want to use to address the root cause(s)?**
   1. The above focal populations have social isolation in common. The adult group would like to focus on models that address disenfranchisement.
      a. Focus Group-
         i. Focus on Skid Row (in depth understanding)
      b. Projects that focus on improving system Integration- Example- Police/ public defender/ mental health
      c. Using funds for projects that solicit "ground up" community input and development of projects to address disenfranchisement
      d. Use of funds to create "welcoming" communities
      e. Utilizing peer support

C. **What are the specific questions you want to answer through the implementation of this model?**

D. **What is the knowledge we will gain and how will it help improve the mental health system's capacity to address trauma to achieve positive mental health?**