



SANTA CLARA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT

## Instructions for Prioritizing Innovative Ideas

**Organization & Layout.** The innovative ideas were organized into seven clusters: 1) Children, 2) Youth & TAY, 3) Adults, 4) Older Adults, 5) Cultural, 6) Special Populations and 7) Outreach. Five of the seven clusters were further divided into categories. As a result each innovative idea fell into one of 21 categories or clusters (the “Older Adult” and “Outreach” clusters were not subdivided). Each idea was given a control number based on its cluster and category. For example, idea 01.01.001 is the first idea (xx.xx.001), in the first category (xx.01.001) of the first cluster. Within the categories or clusters, the order of the individual ideas follows the mental health intervention spectrum: universal prevention, selective prevention, early intervention, extended treatment and recovery and resilience supports.

Throughout the room you will find 21 posters – one for each of the 21 categories or clusters. Posters in the same cluster have been grouped together. In front of each poster you will find ten hard copies of the ideas within that category. These copies are provided to help you evaluate each idea if you have not been able to review the ideas ahead of time.

**Prioritizing.** Your primary task is to help the Mental Health Department (MHD) determine which of the nearly 150 innovative ideas should be considered for development into actual Innovation Component (INN) work plans. You will be given ten dots/stickers to be “spent” however you see fit; members of the Stakeholder Leadership Committee (SLC) will be given distinctive dots/stickers. Staff from MHD will review and analyze the results of your votes and present various options to the SLC at the November 20 meeting.

**Concepts versus Proposals.** It is important to note that the MHD views each of the submissions as concepts that may be developed into INN work plans. Each INN work plan must be approved by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (OAC). And, if approved, the work plan’s subsequent services would undergo a County procurement process.

### **Important Considerations.**

- Each INN work plan must contribute to learning; a project that simply meets an unmet need or expands an existing service cannot be funded.
- Consider: What has prevented the county from solving this problem? Why isn’t the desired solution in place now? “If the county already has evidence that the proposed approach is likely to be successful and the main/only barrier is lack of funding, then Innovation is not an appropriate source of funds (OAC “Decision Path for Counties”).
- Each INN work plan must contribute to learning by introducing new mental health practices/approaches, changing existing ones, or introducing new applications or practices/approaches that have been successful in either mental health or other settings.