



Prevention and Early Intervention Project Subcommittee Meeting Brief | August 12, 2019

Project Background

California's Mental Health Services Act was passed to transform the State's mental health system with additional resources and an emphasis on prevention and early intervention of mental health needs. Each year California dedicates some \$400 million to such prevention and early intervention services, creating a unique opportunity to prioritize services that reduce risk and promote wellbeing so people can thrive.ⁱ

Recent changes in state law by Senate Bill 1004 (Chapter 843, Statutes of 2018) direct the Commission to establish priorities and a statewide strategy for prevention and early intervention services. The goal of the Commission's Prevention and Early Intervention Project is to create a more focused approach to delivering effective prevention and early intervention services and increase coordination and collaboration across communities and systems. Commissioners Mara Madrigal-Weiss and Mayra Alvarez lead the subcommittee of Commissioners that will direct this effort.

For more information, including upcoming events, please visit the project webpage: <https://mhsaac.ca.gov/what-we-do/projects/prevention-and-early-intervention>

Meeting Overview

The first meeting of the Prevention and Early Intervention Subcommittee is being held in Sacramento, California. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the project and identify areas of need for prevention and early intervention. Speakers have been invited to provide an overview of the goals of Senate Bill 1004 and to highlight opportunities for prevention and early intervention. The meeting will also include a facilitated discussion to further explore challenges and opportunities.

Meeting Materials

- Prevention and Early Intervention Project Framework
- Senate Bill 1004 (Chapter 843, Statutes of 2018)
- Prevention and Early Intervention Fact Sheet
- Social-Ecological Model to support discussion
- Speaker biographies

ⁱ Department of Health Care Services (2019). *Mental Health Services Act Expenditure Report – Governor's Budget Fiscal Year 2019-20*.