

PLACER COUNTY MCAH PRIORITIES SURVEY

Key Findings, 3/31/14

The Placer County MCAH Priorities Survey was conducted between March 21st and March 28th, 2014 and was sent out to all internal and community stakeholders who either attended or were invited to four stakeholder events in January and February of 2014.

The survey assessed priorities identified separately in each of the stakeholder meetings and then consolidated into a list of key problem areas that MCAH will further analyze in preparation for the development of a 5-year Strategic Plan.

This report summarizes survey results. Appendix A shows the survey as received by respondents and Appendix B contains all responses to open-ended questions #1 and #6.

Bolded items below indicate top priorities and underlined items indicate when resources are greater for an issue that may not be a priority. This mismatch signals that final selection of Strategic Plan priorities may be driven to some extent by resources available to the MCAH program.

Top Priorities for Goal Areas (highest ranked problems and their scores are highlighted)

Goal 1: Improve Outreach and Access to Quality Health and Human Services

<u>PROBLEM</u>	<u>SEVERITY</u>	<u>UNMET NEED</u>	<u>RESOURCES</u>	<u>COMMUNITY INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL SCORE</u>
Access to mental health services	3.33	3.41	2.03	2.97	11.74
Difficulty getting approved for Medi-Cal	2.52	2.55	2.43	2.42	9.92
Lack of resources for residents to find out how to access services	2.31	2.26	2.82	2.45	9.84
Access to transportation	2.81	2.91	2.38	2.35	10.45
Access to health care for undocumented populations	2.87	2.83	2.03	2	9.73

Goal 2: Improve Maternal and Women’s Health

<u>PROBLEM</u>	<u>SEVERITY</u>	<u>UNMET NEED</u>	<u>RESOURCES</u>	<u>COMMUNITY INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL SCORE</u>
Lack of access to first trimester prenatal care	2.79	2.72	<u>2.39</u>	2.29	10.19
Mental health services, including postpartum and domestic violence support groups	3.12	3.31	2.13	2.52	11.08
Home visits before and after birth	2.82	2.94	2.33	2.32	10.41

Goal 3: Improve Infant Health

<u>PROBLEM</u>	<u>SEVERITY</u>	<u>UNMET NEED</u>	<u>RESOURCES</u>	<u>COMMUNITY INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL SCORE</u>
Breastfeeding promotion and support	2.62	2.48	<u>2.31</u>	<u>2.1</u>	9.51
Increased assessment/screenings for disabilities	2.75	2.73	2.16	<u>2</u>	9.64

The State requires each County MCAH program to address at least one problem from Goals 1-3. Each jurisdiction can elect to address problems in the remaining Goals 4-6 as resources allow. Therefore the remaining problems identified in the stakeholder meetings were combined for prioritization and the results are as follows.

Goals 4-6: Improve Nutrition and Physical Activity, Child Health, and Adolescent Health

PROBLEM	SEVERITY	UNMET NEED	RESOURCES	COMMUNITY INTEREST	TOTAL SCORE
Physical education in schools	3.12	2.81	2.12	2.81	10.86
Peer counseling for non-WIC clients	2.53	2.65	1.81	2.03	9.02
Asthma prevention and education	2.57	2.57	1.9	2.14	9.18
Teen and young adult mental health services	3.56	3.5	1.74	3	11.8
Confidential reproductive health services	3	2.87	<u>2.31</u>	2.47	10.65
Parent involvement/support	3.06	2.76	2.09	2.26	10.17
Teen substance abuse	3.4	3.16	2.09	3.03	11.68
Father advocacy and support	2.72	2.81	2.26	2.17	9.96

Summary of Open-Ended Responses

Accessing First Trimester Prenatal Care (Survey Question #1)

After the stakeholder meetings, new data had come in from the State, showing that pregnant women in Placer County were accessing first trimester prenatal care less frequently now than they did a decade ago. Survey respondents were asked, “How does this resonate with your experience in your work or as a member of the community?” The complete response set is included in Appendix B, however, strong themes emerged:

- Many respondents felt the issue has to do with awaiting Medi-Cal eligibility/presumptive eligibility or finding a Medi-Cal provider, many of whom in the County are not accepting new patients.

- Most who work with this population say they agree with the data findings and that it fits with their experience.

Additional Comments (Optional Response #6)

(Complete response set shown in Appendix B)

- Two responses indicated difficulty completing the survey and/or confusion with its structure.
- Several reiterated the need for mental health services and other priorities identified above.
- Several mentioned challenges with Medi-Cal