

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

May 2018 Stakeholder Meeting Report-Back

MCAH is currently engaged in a year of learning to connect with stakeholders, build partnerships, and expand our knowledge about the greatest needs of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) in the state. MCAH plans to culminate this year of learning by collaboratively creating a strategic plan to guide future Title V-funded efforts to serve this important population. In May 2018, MCAH convened a diverse group of stakeholders including state agencies, non-profit foundations, health plans, family representatives and others to officially start the strategic planning process.



- Assessing strengths, needs and gaps in services and support available to CYSHCN
- Identifying key partners and developing strategies for ongoing engagement
- Starting the conversation around priorities related to access to specialty and support services, medical home and transition to adult care

Key priorities identified during the facilitated discussion included:

- Explore how to implement Shared Plans of Care
- Increase social and emotional health of caregivers and the family unit
- Increase availability of high-quality care coordination
- Improve partnerships between pediatric and adult medicine
- Develop specialists in the transition from pediatric to adult health care for CYSHCN
- Offer monetary incentives for medical home
- Develop formal family engagement efforts
- Incorporate mental health as a priority and increase availability of mental health care

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The organizations listed below contributed their time, expertise, and commitment at the May stakeholder meeting. Moving forward, MCAH will provide regular opportunities for engagement and will continue to welcome new partners to the table.

American Academy of Pediatrics, Chapter 2 American Academy of Pediatrics, AAP-CA California Primary Care Association California Dept. of Education, Special Education Division California Dept. of Public Health, Genetic Diseases Screening Program California Dept. of Public Health, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Division Children Now Children Now Children's Specialty Care Coalition County of San Diego Dept. of Developmental Services, Early Start & Health Services Dept. of Health Care Services, Integrated Systems of Care Division Dept. of Health Care Services, Managed Care Quality and Monitoring El Dorado County Public Health Dept. Family Voices of California Family representatives First 5 California and First 5 Association Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health National Academy for State Health Policy Orange County Dept. of Education San Mateo County Health System Sutter Medical Center UC Davis Health Valley Children's Healthcare Warmline Family Resource Center WestEd Center for Prevention & Early Intervention

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