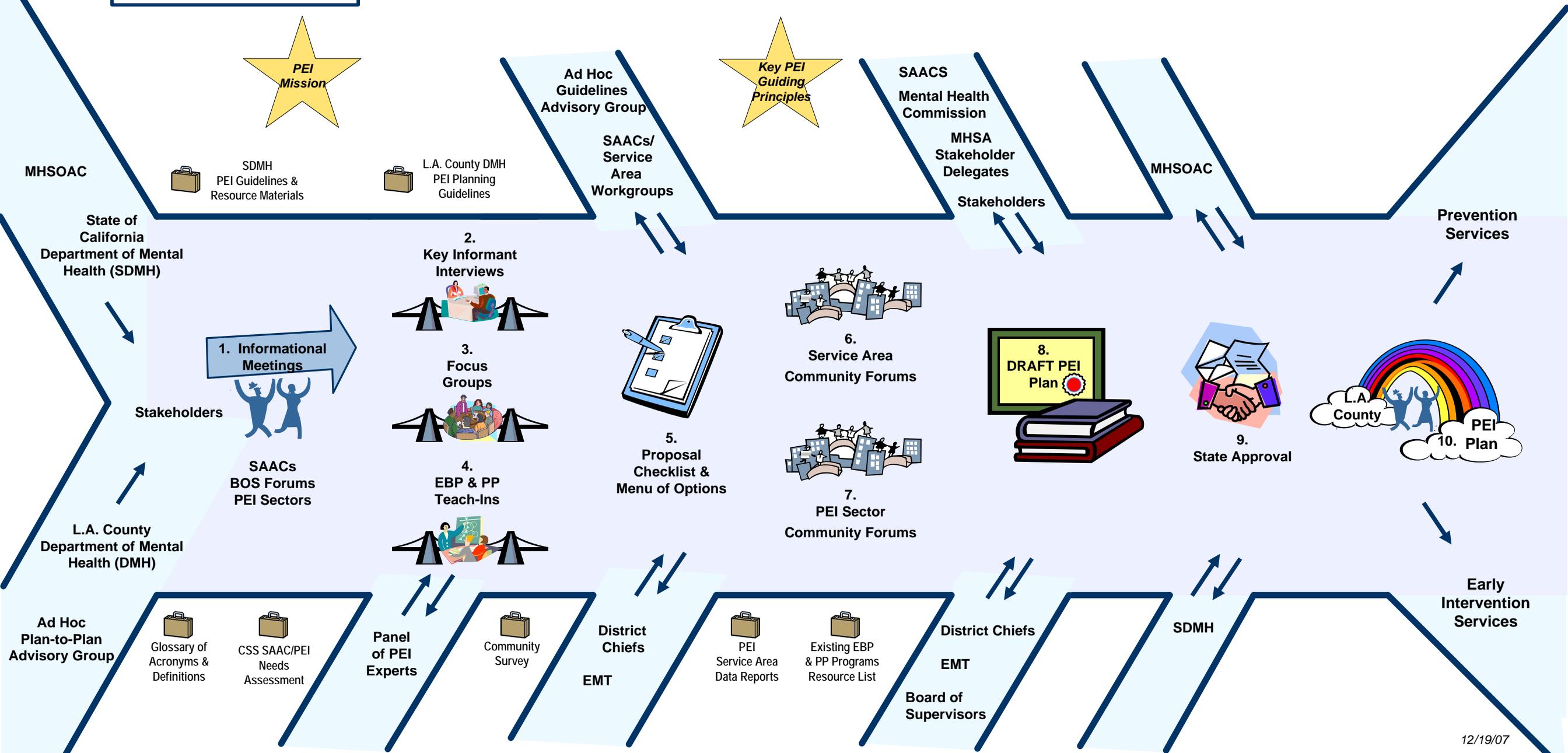


**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) - PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION (PEI)
 LOS ANGELES COUNTY PEI PLANNING ROADMAP**

The Roadmap is intended as a fluid guide to the PEI planning process. Several steps in the Roadmap will occur concurrently and will change as needed.

Key
 See reverse side for an explanation of the terms, abbreviations, planning stages and key participants



KEY

-  Community Input
-  Community Forums
-  PEI Philosophy
-  Resources

PLANNING STAGES

The numbered stages in the Roadmap identify the major steps in developing an approved PEI Plan for Los Angeles County. Although these steps are identified in chronological order, several will occur concurrently.



1. Informational Meetings, which provide an overview of the PEI requirements and planning process, are held in the Service Areas, in conjunction with SAACS, at the BOS Community Forums, PEI sector meetings, and community meetings.



2. Key Informant Interviews will be conducted in English and the other threshold languages with community leaders, gatekeepers, and other individuals who are knowledgeable about their constituency and the key community mental health needs.



3. Focus Groups, composed of 6-10 individuals, explore a specific mental health need and/or priority population to learn the members' concerns, issues, and recommendations for developing strategies for PEI services. Focus Groups will be conducted in English and the threshold languages at the countywide and Service Area levels.



4. The EBP/PP Teach-Ins are a series of Service Area workshops with a panel of experts presenting information on Evidence-based Practices and Promising Practices relevant to the PEI Plan.



5. The Proposal Checklist & Menu of Options will synthesize the findings from the key informant interviews, focus groups, and community surveys to identify the community mental health needs and priority populations. It will also include a list of potential EBPs and PPs from the State DMH Resource Guide, as well as community-defined programs that may be appropriate for the Service Areas, based on their identified needs.



6. The Service Area Community Forums request that stakeholders select PEI strategies that address the needs specific to their Service Area. The forums include breakout sessions to allow greater discussion.



7. The county-wide PEI Sector Community Forums solicit input from collaborating partners in underserved communities, education, client and family member organizations, providers of mental health services, health, social services, and law enforcement.



8. The Draft PEI Plan will be presented to a broad range of stakeholders, including diverse and underserved communities, for their review and approval, which includes a 30-day public review period and hearing. This is a critical checkpoint for validating broad, meaningful stakeholder involvement in the PEI planning process.



9. L.A. County's draft PEI Plan requires State Approval by the MHSOAC.



10. The Los Angeles County Approved PEI Plan is the funded plan that has been approved by the MHSOAC.

KEY PARTICIPANTS IN PLANNING PROCESS

Everyone who has an interest in mental health services is encouraged to participate in this process, especially individuals who care about how mental health mental prevention and early intervention services are delivered in Los Angeles County.

- ♦ The Ad Hoc Plan-to-Plan Advisory Group, comprised of SLT members, Sector representatives, and DMH staff, met from August to October 2007 to provide input to the proposed strategies and planning process for the PEI Plan.
- ♦ The Ad Hoc Guidelines Advisory Group, comprised of Stakeholder Delegates, Sector representatives, other community members, and DMH staff will develop guidelines for the PEI planning process.
- ♦ The County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (BOS) must approve the PEI Plan developed by the stakeholders.
- ♦ The L.A. County Department of Mental Health (DMH) is responsible for developing the county's PEI Plan and ensuring that stakeholders play an integral role in this process.

- ♦ The DMH District Chiefs have responsibility for mental health services in specific Service Areas, programs, and age groups.
- ♦ The DMH Executive Management Team (EMT) is comprised of the Director of Mental Health and the executive leadership.
- ♦ The Mental Health Commission advises the Board of Supervisors and the Director of Mental Health on various aspects of local mental health programs.
- ♦ The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) has responsibility for input to and review of the State DMH's PEI guidelines, as well as approval of the counties' PEI Plans.
- ♦ The MHSA Stakeholder Delegates is comprised of 100+ community representatives from various L.A. County departments, community organizations, racial and ethnic groups, and special needs population groups.
- ♦ The Panel of PEI Experts includes researchers, faculty, and providers knowledgeable and experienced with EBPs & PPs.
- ♦ Sectors refers to underserved communities, health, individuals with serious mental illness and/or their families, providers of mental health services, education, social services, community family resource centers, employment, and media.
- ♦ The Service Area Advisory Committees (SAACs) and their Service Area Workgroups have a key role in spearheading the Service Area planning efforts.
- ♦ Stakeholders encompass consumers and their parents and/or family members, other persons concerned about mental health, and mental health and other community-based organizations.
- ♦ The California State Department of Mental Health (SDMH) is responsible for determining the MHSA PEI guidelines and assisting counties in the PEI planning process.

PEI GUIDING PHILOSOPHY

These provide guidance in achieving the DMH Mission and moving in the direction of PEI services.

- ★ The PEI Mission describes what prevention and early intervention services will look like in the future.
- ★ PEI Guiding Principles are guidelines and objectives that directly impact the steps taken to design, implement and administer PEI programs, and include the parameters that define the overall direction of the PEI Plan.

ABBREVIATIONS

BOS.....	Board of Supervisors
CSS.....	Community Services & Supports
DMH.....	L.A. County Department of Mental Health
EBP.....	Evidence-Based Practices
EMT.....	Executive Management Team
MHSA.....	Mental Health Services Act
MHSOAC	Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
PEI	Prevention and Early Intervention
PP	Promising Practices
SAACs.....	Service Area Advisory Committees
SDMH.....	California State Department of Mental Health
SLT.....	System Leadership Team



RESOURCES

Resources are written materials that the State DMH or L.A. County DMH have prepared to assist counties and stakeholders in their planning decisions.

State DMH PEI Guidelines and Resource Materials, released on September 25, 2007, define the requirements that each county must follow in preparing its local PEI Plan.

L.A. County DMH PEI Planning Guidelines were developed to ensure that the process was inclusive of the diverse stakeholders and underserved communities, as well as promoting collaborative partnerships with the required and recommended Sectors.

Glossary of Acronyms and Definitions provides an explanation of common PEI terms and abbreviations used in the L.A. County PEI planning process.

The CSS SAAC PEI Needs Assessment summarizes the recommendations from the SAAC and Workgroups needs assessment reports developed for the CSS Plan.

The Community Survey asks participants to rank the key community mental health needs, priority populations, and age groups for their community.

PEI Service Area Data Reports provide socio-economic demographic data and mental health statistics, as well as data related to health, education, social services, and public safety for each Service Area.

The Existing EBP & PP Programs Resource List describes current PEI-related EBP and PP programs in L.A. County.