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**Workforce Education and Training (WET) Advisory Committee
August 11, 2015 Meeting**Questions to Guide Discussion of Need for WET Budget Program Changes

In January 2014 the California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) approved the WET Five-Year Plan 2014-2019 with its accompanying four-year budget. The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) committed to re-assessing the WET budget in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 to determine if funding is still being guided by priority needs. This re-assessment would help inform OSHPD if there is a need to propose budget modifications for the remaining funding. These budget adjustments, if any are proposed, would be effective to the WET budget for FY 2016-17 and 2017-18. The following questions are intended to guide the WET Advisory Committee discussion to provide feedback during the initial stage of this WET budget re-assessment process.

1. Are you aware of any major changes in mental/behavioral health workforce shortages in the Public Mental Health System (PMHS) within the past two years?
2. Are you aware of any major legislative and/or policy changes within the past two years that may have or will alter the need or demand for certain types of mental health professions or services?
3. Are there any major PMHS workforce needs that are not currently being addressed by Statewide Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) WET funded activities?
4. Are there any activities that you believe would increase or support PMHS workforce that are not currently funded that you believe should be further explored? If so, why?
5. Are there any currently budgeted Statewide MHSA WET activities that you believe should either have reduced or increased funding? If so, why and by how much funding?