

**PROPOPOSITION 63**  
**JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**  
March 17, 2005

Attendees: Holly Heath, Pat Carrick, Yolanda Perez-Logan, Jaime Molina, Steve Capasso, Bill Manov, Stan Einhorn, Melody St. Charles, Veronica Gonzalez, Jeff Bidmon, Mary Cross, Tonia Heath, Gina Swan

The committee met and brainstormed about gaps and needs in the Children's Mental Health system. They then voted on the top recommendations. The results of the meeting are listed below.

1.
  - a. Increase the cross specialization for staff and counselors including contractors.
  - b. Incentives for AOD counselor certification.
  - c. Resources for dual diagnosis for staff and contractors.
  - d. Integrate substance abuse and mental health diagnosis into one category for treatment, funding, and program development.
2. \* Early prevention - intervention before entry into Juvenile Justice or on informal probation. Early substance abuse education / dual diagnosis for youth and families.
2. Residential treatment facility for Juvenile Justice youth with severe mental health issues.
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  - a. Support for Spanish speaking families. i.e. Alanon.
  - b. Community education about rights for culturally competent services.
3. Support for families without a funding stream.
3. Detox center for youth.
3. Employment training support for dual-diagnosis youth.
4. Education for school staff to screen for mental health / AOD, not just for special education youth.
4. Continuing Care for teens exiting residential treatment, i.e. continue CSAT / Los Puentes.
4. One-stop shop screening / assessment center. Advocacy Resource Center to provide one-stop shopping, screening and assessment. ("No wrong door")
5. Specialized assessment for dual-diagnosis youth.
5. Access to psychiatric support and increased psychiatric services for non-MediCal youth.

5. Mental Health / AOD education for attorneys so they can advocate for treatment rather than incarceration.
5. Agreed upon protocol for dealing with Juvenile Justice youth with severe mental illness.
6. Family respite.
6.
  - a. Greater support for families and youth with substance abuse, emphasis on parental youth.
  - b. Citizen review board to review law enforcement treatment of youth. Provide education for law enforcement.
6. Increased services to girls.

\* Duplicate numbers indicate tie votes for the recommendations.