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**Group #2 (Kathy): Focus on Adult Services**

**1. In looking at the key need and gap areas that have been identified so far, are there any, from your perspective, that are missing? If so, what are they?**

- De-stigmatization trainings and increase sensitivity and awareness trainings about how we are all different.
- After care services, including life skills (transportation, employment, budgeting, healthy living, etc.)
- Affordable housing
- County certified SLE's and transitional housing
- Fluid communication among providers/service agencies
- Medical, mental health, social service resources housed together.
- Mid county services
- More outreach; securing more funding, including grants, donations, etc.
- Integration of MH, health, social services – one stop shopping model
- Resource lists community wide for consumers and providers
- Increase sensitivity training for law enforcement and providers outside of mental health
- Access to employment and volunteer opportunities
- Frequent checking in services and employment to ensure understanding
- Resource list available in book or pamphlet form for those without computers
- Psychiatrist being more understanding of consumer needs
- Increase communication about resources between service providers
- More therapists, especially trauma informed, and more trainings around trauma
- Good communication between therapists and psychiatrists
- Services that allow for easy bus access (8 a.m. is too early) if coming from So. Co. to a No. Co. appt.
- Improving transportation services
- Service providers understanding that when you use the bus it takes a long time to access services
- Transition support entering, exiting, and moving between services.

**2. Which need or gap areas are most important?**

- Affordable housing
- Safe housing
- After care; SLE (sober living environment), transitional housing with connections to services.

**3. Which need or gap areas should we focus on working on first?**

- Same as #2, plus services directory.

**4. Are there specific need or gap areas that may be unique or different for South County.**

- Need increased capacity for services
- Need additional and expanded services in South County
- Some services are only available in North County
- Increase consumer/provider awareness of what is available in South County.
- Improved transportation between So. and No. County, i.e., van services for clients