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**VOCATIONAL  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

of the Governor's Mental Health Services  
Planning Council (GMHSPC)



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SUMMARY

The mission of the Vocational Subcommittee is to make recommendations to the Governor's Mental Health Planning Council which help identify barriers and create opportunities in order for persons with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) to gain competitive employment.

NEW AREAS OF CONCERN

1. Transition Youth—Once a kid reaches the age limit for transition services, they may not yet meet criteria for SPMI and are left without services. One suggestion was to extend SED services to age 25. The policy academy worked on transition youth and is finishing up a report on this issue.
2. Medicaid as a funding source for Supported Employment—The issue with this is the need to further clarify use of Medicaid for activities of supported employment because many CMHC's are wary of using Medicaid as a funding source.

Partnerships with the corrections system to reduce barriers for serving people with criminal histories

3. How do we really help people keep jobs? Improving Follow-along Supports
4. Educating employers on Supported Employment. —Are there ways we can educate employers and human resource personnel on supported employment services at the state level to open doors for SE programs to effectively develop relationships with employers?
5. Implementing evidence-based practice in mental health centers – how do we change the organizational cultures to support implementing evidence-based practice? - How do we effectively work with Executive Directors of CMHC's to look at supporting EBP's, particularly in rural and frontier areas?

AREAS TO ADDRESS

1. Implement Evidence-Based Practice Statewide
2. Transition Youth
3. Increasing Employer Awareness of Supported Employment & hiring Consumers

4. Improving Follow-Along Supports
5. Assuring training across the State, addressing areas of consistency of services and proper mental health training

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