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Group #7 (Lynn): 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?**
 - Affordable housing that is safe (lack of vouchers)
 - More transportation access (bus passes)
 - Gap in provisions (laundry, clothing, hygiene, etc) when fiscal year is about to end
 - Peer-run, peer-supported workers (MHCAN); we need more. More training for peer workers.
 - Transitional housing from hospital/jail release.

- 2. Which need or gap areas are most important? AND**
- 3. Which need or gap areas should we focus on working on first?**
 - Peer-run, peer-supported workers, getting more people trained
 - Transitional housing (& affordable) that includes shared and single dwellings

- 4. Are there specific need or gap areas that may be unique or different for South County.**
 - Housing is more available and cheaper
 - Not enough bilingual services anywhere
 - South County needs more family oriented services

NOTE: This group also provided a list of solutions:

- Seek financial aid to purchase vacant houses and we can be taught the skills to fix them up so we can live in them
- Shadow Speakers (very therapeutic)
- Cost of living increase in wage for peer workers
- Approach the County Board of Supervisors to allow peer workers to be hired as county employees
- Teach each other Spanish and English.