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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.