

Developmental Services (DS) Task Force Subject Areas

The DS Task Force's early discussions focused on five subject areas, their scopes, level of urgency, additional data needs and the identification of overarching guiding principles to be considered when examining all of the subject areas.

The five subject areas identified were:

1. Service Rates and the Rate-Setting Structure
2. Regional Center, Provider and Other Community Services
3. Employment and Higher Education Opportunities
4. Medical, Dental, Mental Health and Durable Medical Equipment
5. Housing

Based on the five subject areas identified by the DS Task Force, four distinct workgroups were created to help prioritize and move the work of the DS Task Force forward. It was noted that no single section of our system operates without influence from another, so there would be some overlap between workgroups. The resulting four workgroups were:

1. Rates Workgroup
2. Regional Center Operations Workgroup
3. Community Supports & Safety Net Services Workgroup*
4. Housing & Employment Workgroup**

*What started as the "Medical and Mental Health Services and Supports Workgroup" evolved into the "Community Supports and Safety Net Services Workgroup" to address the larger system needs that were identified in initial discussions of medical and mental health service needs.

**Given the large scope of both of these areas, this workgroup chose to meet on either Housing or Employment, rather than trying to combine discussions of both subjects at each meeting.