Over the past year, the MCAH Division has focused on uncovering issues facing children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) in order to identify how to strengthen Title V efforts to serve CYSHCN and their families. MCAH connected with diverse stakeholders, built partnerships and expanded its knowledge base. In May 2018, the stakeholder meeting on the Title V CYSHCN programs was held. A summary can be found in the [May 2018 stakeholder meeting report-back](#).

That meeting, along with other sources of information, including key informant interviews with local MCAH programs, helped guide the [second stakeholder meeting on March 5, 2019 in Sacramento](#). The goal of the 2019 stakeholder meeting was to plan together the future of Title V CYSHCN efforts in California. The objectives of the meeting were to:

- Build and strengthen partnerships among diverse stakeholders to promote and improve the health and well-being of CYSHCN in California
- Increase awareness and knowledge about the California Title V CYSHCN Program
- Build knowledge and strategize together on how to best reach and serve CYSHCN through population-based health approaches
- Identify population-based health strategies that are family-centered, culturally and linguistically responsive, and strength-based

Guided by national experts and state MCAH, stakeholders voiced their key priorities and identified potential strategies for MCAH to focus on as the planning process begins for the next five-year Title V cycle. **Key priorities and strategies identified included:**

- Prioritizing and promoting mental health
- Promoting mental and social/emotional health screening for CYSHCN and families
- Integrating mental and behavioral health into other types of health care services
- Improving the transition from pediatric to adult health care
- Addressing social determinants of health, social complexity and health disparities
- Assessing how to implement shared plans of care
- Strengthening systems for high-quality care coordination
- Engaging families meaningfully
- Building a network of family advocates, including peer-to-peer support for families
- Improving available data
- Developing the workforce to address gaps in provider and caregiver availability
- Convening non-traditional partners and increasing community engagement
- Increasing systems-level thinking
- Piloting new ideas for serving CYSHCN
The greatest need that emerged was around mental health and the importance of lifting up the range of services involved in addressing the mental, behavioral, social and emotional health needs of CYSHCN, their families and their caregivers. The priorities that emerged from the 2019 meeting echoed and reinforced those from the 2018 meeting.

Moving into the 19-20 fiscal year, MCAH will assess the priorities and strategies listed above to understand where limited resources can have the greatest impact. With our partners, MCAH will identify concrete strategies and seek input from stakeholders in the creation of a five year action plan to guide our future efforts for all CYSHCN.

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California Department of Public Health/Genetic Disease Screening Program
California Department of Public Health/Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division
California Department of Public Health/Office of Oral Health
California Department of Social Services/Child and Youth Permanency Branch
California Department of Social Services/Child Protection & Family Support Branch
California Primary Care Association
Children Now
Children’s Specialty Care Coalition
El Dorado County Public Health Department
Family Members and Self-Advocates
Family Voices of California
First 5 California
G.I.F.T.S (Give Information and Support for Families to Triumph Successfully) Foundation
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Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency