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Regional Advisory Committee Input
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1. What needs to be done to make sure the peer and family support exist?
2. How do we build economic independence?
3. What do you want to advocate for?
4. What do we need, i.e. housing?
5. How do we reach out and partner with other individuals on a professional level to build and collaborate to move the consumer movement forward?
6. How do we eliminate polypharmacy?

Question One

- More training of peers and peer specialists
- Identifying families and where they are – do as part of the intake and discharge planning process
- Inclusion
- Cultural competence
- Making peer and family inclusion law – peer choice
- Interagency communication
- More programs for children who have parents with mental health challenges
- Peer specialists are part of the treatment team – mandatory
- Professional staff with lived experience

Question Two

- Financial wellness training
- Benefits planners
- Employment / job training
- Financial aid – for education
- Student Loan forgiveness – William D. Ford Direct Loans
- Changing mentality
- Financial planning

Question Three

- Housing affordable
- Real peer crisis respite
- Psych service dogs/pets

Question Four

- Section 8 voucher vs. provider based Super Section 8
- Affordable family housing for people with / diagnosis – that includes children
- Harm reduction housing – more

Question Five

- Social media
- Offering free service (i.e. groups) @ facilities
- Open lines of communication w/other agencies
- "City Street" inclusion in venues

Question Six

- Common Ground / My PSYCKES expansion to include Medicare and single payor
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