### The System Plan

Person with serious mental illness who also meets this criteria (No age criterion):

- DSM diagnosis other than substance abuse, DD, or traumatic brain injury

As result of MI:
- Substantial impairment or symptoms and risk of decompensation; disability and public assistance

At risk of acute psychiatric care

Needs brief Tx (e.g. result of natural disaster or emergency)

NOTE: Recommended when sufficient resources available who do not fall into above target population could be persons with adjustment and other disorders who could benefit from outpatient and peer counseling so as to be prevented from falling into target population.

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### Revision System Framework

Person 60 years and older who due to a serious mental disorder, have a reduction in personal or community functioning, and are best served in a public specialty mental health system.

- Include persons with a variety of co-occurring disorders

SoC acknowledges leadership in facilitating services to other populations through cooperation and cooperation

Broad range of consumer categories:

- Older Adults 60-64 “Young Old”
- Older Adults 65-84 “Middle Old”
- Older Adults 85+ “Oldest Old”

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### Demonstration Project

Result of providing outreach and assessment services to the target population over age 60, the Demonstration Projects put forward the following findings related to the target population:

- Transition age adults (ages 55-59) with evaluations and service needs similar to older counterparts

Older adults present with concomitant mental, physical and cognitive disorder making diagnosis a complex process

Due to this SoC services might begin prior to the diagnosis of a mental disorder (those presenting with unclear, complex symptoms).

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California Department of Mental Health. *Analysis of the Older Adult System of Care Demonstration Project* (2004)