Near-Term System Change

1. Peer Support Workers as Stewards of the Community Bring together community partners to engage in training for outreach and peer workers (harm reduction, SUD, mental health, stigma).

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- a. Amplify the voices and stories of those impacted by stigma.
- b. Create relationships with law enforcement.
- c. Provide mental health first aid training in the community.
- Community Education Panel/Advisory Board to provide education with members who have boots on the ground to advise doctors, patrol officers, outreach workers, MH providers, social workers.

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- a. Encourage community leaders to share personal stories in their networks.
- b. Amplify the voices and stories of those impacted by stigma.
- 3. Use Opioid Settlement funds to support a workgroup tasked with reducing stigma.

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- 4. Develop a Master Assessment to be used across organizations (LA County does this).
- 5. Well-funded and legitimate housing support program. Decrease landlord stigma, spread the word among themselves and support renters.

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- 6. Develop a policy to adopt best practices for crisis response (eg. Using SAMHSA's five principles guide) Pilot this to see how well it works to get a 25% implementation and tipping point

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