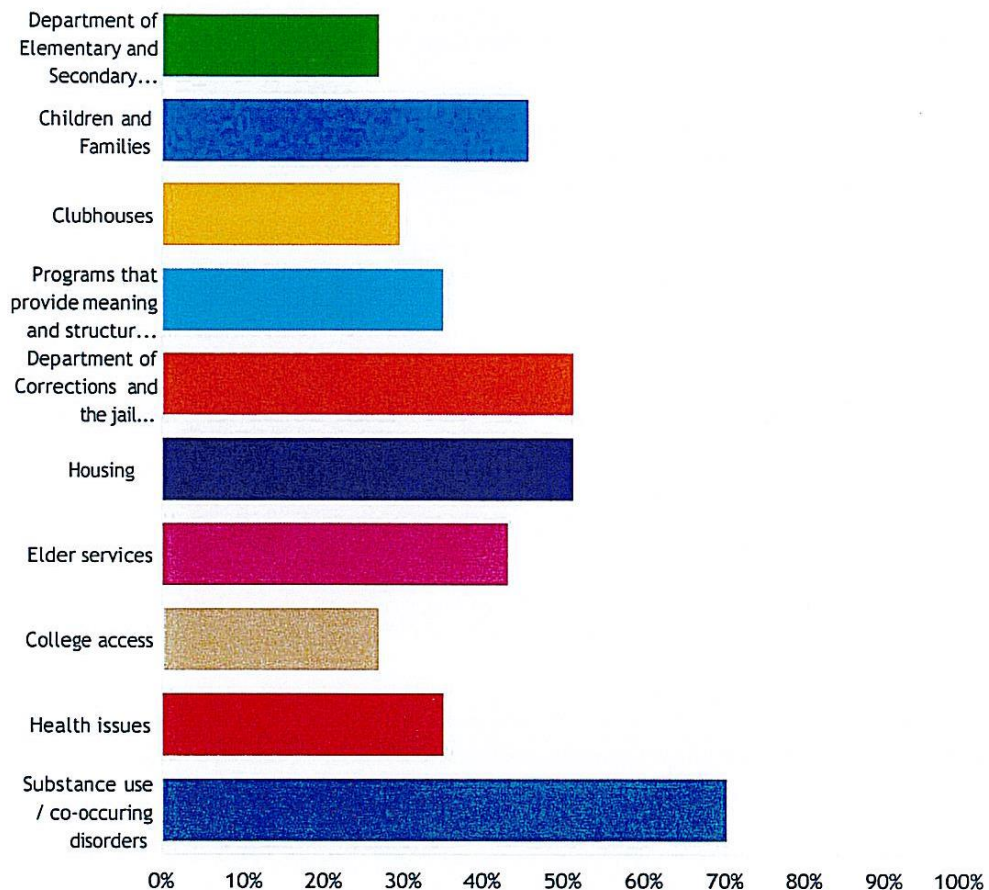




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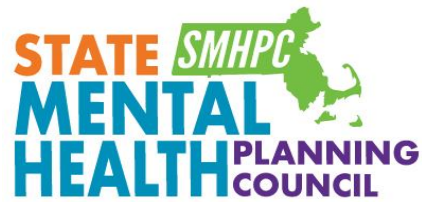
### Fall 2024 Survey Results

The Fall 2024 State Mental Health Planning Council survey had a good response with many ideas for discussion items and presentations at future meetings. The graph below shows the favorability of topics that the Planning Council wants to discuss, with substance use and co-occurring disorders being to top area. Others that were highly favored were Department of Corrections and jail diversion, housing, children and families and elder services.



Additional comments suggested areas such as

1. Future of state hospitals and inpatient care for DMH clients.
2. Status of peer and volunteer run crisis diversion and Respite programs.



3. Transition into adulthood work including guardianship issues and communication and advocacy during hospitalization and complex medical diagnosis.
4. Co-occurring ASD and complex medical diagnoses.
5. Ways to decrease social isolation.
6. Review of SAMHSA's 8 dimensions of wellness and how services can be provided to populations focused in the dimensions.
7. Explanation of the Block Grant, where money is spent, how has it changed over time.
8. Accountability for group homes and monitoring of services.
9. Overcoming insecurities.
10. Supports for independent living.

The Executive Committee of the Planning Council will use findings from the survey to plan for future meetings as it has in the past. This includes discussing jail diversion, which is a topic for the January 2025 meeting and substance use/co-occurring disorders which will be addressed at the April 2025 meeting. Other topic areas will be incorporated into future meetings as the main topic or meeting component.