



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
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TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: Larry Poaster, Chair
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SUBJECT: Evaluation Committee Membership

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) is actively recruiting for membership on the Evaluation Committee. The MHSOAC will make a final decision as how best to structure the committees at its November 18, 2010 meeting. This letter sets forth the current composition of the committee; however, that composition may change depending on the outcome of the November 18th Commission meeting.

The Evaluation Committee is charged to ensure that the use of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds result in efficient investments at the local and state levels which achieve effective outcomes for consumers and provide positive community impacts. The Committee's objectives include, but are not limited to ensuring the following: 1.) evaluative efforts and reports are used for continuous system improvements, including policy guideline revisions dependent on system outcomes, 2.) the MHSA evaluation accurately depicts the extent to which the objectives of the MHSA have been accomplished, 3.) governance of methods and measurements consistent with the MHSA are used that are meaningful and relevant to stakeholders, and 4.) an annual accountability report.

Desirable qualifications for individuals seeking membership on the Evaluation Committee include knowledge and/or experience of the following:

- Public Policy Issues
- Research in Human or Health Services
- Disparities and Outcomes
- Evaluation of prevention programs
- State and local Mental Health program data design, data collection and/or data reporting
- Continuous Quality Improvement Policy

In addition to the above range of experiences, the Evaluation Committee will seek representation from clients, family members, representatives from underserved ethnic and cultural communities, community-based organizations, mental health professionals, the California Mental Health Planning Council and the California Mental Health Director's Association. This wide range of experiences and knowledge will promote a strong foundation to achieve the Committee's objectives and goals.

Consistent participation in the Committee meetings, either in person or over the phone, is critical to the success of the Committee. Committee members must be able to commit to regular participation and attendance. If a Committee member cannot attend a Committee meeting the member will need to notify the Committee Chair and the Committee staff in advance to ensure a quorum is still reached. In accordance with the MHSOAC Rules of Procedure, if a Committee member misses more than one (1) Committee meeting without notice or three (3) Committee meetings in a calendar year with notice the Committee Chair has discretion to decide whether it is in the best interest of the Committee to have that Committee member replaced.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining the Evaluation Committee please complete an application and send it to the above address. Applications will be accepted until 11/19/10. If there are any questions contact **Sandy Lyon**, Committee Staff, at (916) 445-8725 or by email at Sandy.Lyon@dmh.ca.gov.

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