



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

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TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

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SUBJECT: Services Committee Membership

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) is actively recruiting for membership on the Services Committee. The MHSOAC will make a final decision as how best to structure the committees at its November 18, 2010. 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 Services Committee is charged to work on behalf of the Commission in making recommendations regarding the implementation and sustainability of MHSA programs and services to the MHSOAC. The Committee's objectives include, but are not limited to:

- Oversight and implementation of MHSA Plan Reviews – to assure quality and fidelity to the process
- Policy development – to identify and develop appropriate policies to facilitate implementation of MHSA services
- Training and technical assistance – to oversee coordination of training and technical assistance necessary to implement MHSA service components

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

- Local MHSA Community Planning Process
- Understanding of Local Program Implementation
- MHSA Funding
- MHSA Statute

The Mental Health Services Committee seeks representation from clients, family members, representatives from underserved ethnic and cultural communities, community-based organizations, mental health professionals and the California Mental Health Director's Association. In addition, the Services Committee seeks individuals who represent perspectives across all age groups and will reflect the geographic and demographic diversity of counties throughout California. .

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 Mental Health Services Committee, please complete an application and send it to the above address. Membership applications can be found at the MHSOAC website <http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/soac-committees.aspx>. Applications will be accepted until November 19, 2010. If there are any questions, contact **Vivian Lee**, Committee Staff, at (916) 445-8721 or by email Vivian.Lee@dmh.ca.gov .

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