

## OVERVIEW OF THE COMMISSION

### WHO WE ARE

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) is a 16 member commission created by the passage of Proposition 63. The Commission provides oversight, accountability and leadership on issues related to Proposition 63 services and community mental health in collaboration with clients/consumers, family members, unserved and underserved communities and mental health partners.

There are 5 committees:

- \*Client and Family Leadership
- \*Cultural and Linguistic Competence
- \*Evaluation
- \*Financial Oversight
- \*Services

### WHAT WE DO

The MHSOAC holds public meetings once a quarter and is responsible for the review and approval of county plans for Innovation Programs. The commission reviews all county plans to ensure compliance with the MHSA.

The Commission is currently in the process of evaluating MHSA-funded programs throughout California.

### PROPOSITION 63

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Proposition 63, was enacted into law in 2005 after voters approved it in 2004. It is funded by a 1% tax on personal income above \$1 million.

Proposition 63 consists of 5 components:

- \*Community Services and Supports
- \*Capital Facilities and Technological Needs
- \*Workforce Education and Training
- \*Prevention and Early Intervention
- \*Innovation

View the entire act at  
[www.mhsoac.ca.gov](http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov)



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### OUR MISSION

Provide vision and leadership, in collaboration with clients, their family members, and underserved communities, to ensure Californians understand mental health is essential to overall health. Hold public mental health systems accountable. Provide oversight for eliminating disparities; promote wellness, recovery and resiliency; and ensure positive outcomes for individuals living with serious mental illness and their families.

## THE COMMISSION

Sixteen Commissioners are appointed to 3-year terms and receive no compensation. Commissioners represent different sectors of society impacted by mental illness.

### They include:

- \*The Attorney General or designee
- \*The Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee
- \*The Chairperson of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee or another member of the Senate selected by the President pro Tempore of the Senate
- \*The Chairperson of the Assembly Health Committee or another member of the Assembly selected by the Speaker of the Assembly

Twelve Commissioners are appointed by the Governor who is required to seek individuals with personal or family experience with mental illness.

### They include:

- \*Two persons with a severe mental illness
- \*A family member of a child who has had or has a severe mental illness
- \*A physician specializing in alcohol and drug treatment
- \*A mental health professional

- \*A county sheriff
- \*A superintendent of a school district
- \*A representative of a labor organization
- \*A representative of an employer with less than 500 employees
- \*A representative of an employer with more than 500 employees
- \*A representative of a health care services plan or insurer

## MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

**Find local and statewide resources on the MHSOAC website at:**

[www.mhsoac.ca.gov/ContactUs/Resources.aspx](http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/ContactUs/Resources.aspx)

### **Do You Need Immediate Help?**

If you or someone you know needs to speak with a professional counselor, call 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

**Find emergency services in your area:**

[www.mhsoac.ca.gov/ContactUs/Crisis\\_Link.aspx](http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/ContactUs/Crisis_Link.aspx)

## FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PROP 63



[www.prop63.org](http://www.prop63.org)