



**Draft**

**Client and Family Leadership Committee**

**2012 Charter**

**Purpose:**

Ensure the perspective and participation of people with lived experience of severe mental health issues, including their parents/caregivers and family members, is a significant factor in all MHSOAC decisions and recommendations.

**Objectives**

1. Review MHSOAC processes and make recommendations on how the Commission can more effectively ensure that the perspective and participation of individuals suffering from severe mental illness and their family members, including those from unserved and underserved communities, is a significant factor in all of the Commission's decisions and recommendations.
2. Advise MHSOAC regarding its policies and provide recommendations to ensure meaningful client and parent/caregiver/family participation in MHSOAC activities (WIC Section 5846(c)).
3. Ensure the MHSOAC's policies and activities are consistent with the philosophy, principles and practices of the Recovery Vision. (MHSA Sections 2(e); WIC Section 5813.5(d)).
4. Ensure the MHSOAC's policies and activities reflect client and family values and increase the effectiveness of client and parent/caregiver/family involvement in planning for California's mental health system. (WIC Section 5813.5(d); WIC Section 5892(c)).

**Guiding Principles**

Committee policy and strategy recommendations to the MHSOAC will reflect and strive to address the following priorities:

1. Culturally and linguistically competent
2. Promotes a client/family/parent driven system
3. Reduces stigma and discrimination
4. Fully informed via a robust stakeholder process
5. Best practices and continuous improvement
6. Emphasize the inclusion of all ages across the live-span
7. Aimed to reduce mental health disparities

**Activities:**

1. Distribute the Commission's paper entitled: "Client-driven, Family-focused Transformation of the Mental Health System Through the California Mental Health Services Act."
2. Take lead, working with CLCC, to schedule and conduct quarterly community outreach forums. (April 4, June 27, September 13, and early November or December)
  - a. Provide final report to the Commission on the Forums conducted at the end of the calendar year and place on website.
3. Develop guidance document for clarifying consumer-run, consumer-directed programs, peer support and peer specialization for purposes of MHSA programs and to identify models that are being developed.
4. Develop strategies for promotion of client and family employment in the mental health system.
5. Gather information about the status of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training or equivalent activities in individual counties.
6. Continue deliberation and provide recommendations regarding accessibility of MHSOAC meetings for clients, family members and the public and promote their effective participation.
  - a. Conduct Commission orientation with stakeholders.
7. Research and promote current best practice services that utilize a recovery-scale model and show successful outcomes with persons for whom services have not worked.
8. Continue efforts to support public awareness/education by maximizing communication via MHSOAC website:
  - a. Connect with communities throughout the state by placing videos and success stories on the MHSOAC website.
  - b. Provide information regarding community events for posting on website calendar.
9. Participate in workgroup developing reducing disparities project guidelines with Services Committee as the lead and CFLC and CLCC participating.
10. Participate in a workgroup convened by the Services Committee to provide input to develop and implement the Integrated Plan.
11. Review purpose and objectives for 2013 Charter.

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