

**AGENDA ITEMS:** Training and Technical Assistance Framework

**ENCLOSURES:** • Training and Technical Assistance Framework

**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEMS:** None

**Issue:**

Dr. Deborah Lee, Consulting Psychologist, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) will present the Mental Health Services Act (MSHA) Training and Technical Assistance Framework for a second reading and adoption at the January 2012 Commission meeting. The Framework is enclosed.

**Background:**

The Services Committee’s 2011 Charter included the charge to recommend to the MHSOAC a framework for training and technical assistance. In developing this framework, the Services Committee recommended a high-level role for the Commission. The Services Committee also articulated that the Training and Technical Assistance Framework should be consistent with the intent of the MSHA and the Commission's focus on outcomes.

In March 2011 Assembly Bill (AB) 100 amended the MSHA (Welfare & Institutions Code Section 5846(b)) to provide that the Commission instead of the Department of Mental Health “*may provide technical assistance to any county mental health plan as needed to address concerns or recommendations of the commission or when local programs could benefit from technical assistance for improvement of their plans.*”

Governor Jerry Brown’s Proposed State Budget for 2012-13, released Thursday, January 5, 2012, states that MHSOAC will be responsible for Mental Health Services Act training, technical assistance, and program evaluation.

The enclosed Framework was presented to the MHSOAC at its November 17, 2011 meeting. No feedback on the Framework was received and the enclosed Framework is identical to that presented at the November meeting with the exception of the additional language from the Governor’s Proposed Budget for 2012-13.

**Proposed motions:**

- 1. Adopt the Mental Health Services Act Training and Technical Assistance Framework as recommended by MHSOAC Services Committee.**
- 2. Charge MHSOAC Services Committee to identify next steps to implement the Training and Technical Assistance Framework**