
AGENDA ITEM: Budget Impact on MHSOAC, Implications of Senate Bill 1136 / Assembly Bill 1467, and MHSOAC Approach to Innovation Plan Approval

- ENCLOSURES:**
- MHSOAC Innovation Programs Plan Review Tool
 - Handout of the Power Point presentation titled “Implications of FY 2012-13 Budget and Assembly Bill 1467 (Committee on Budget)”

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: None

Issue

Sherrri Gauger, MHSOAC Executive Director, will discuss the implications of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13 Budget and Assembly Bill (AB) 1467 for the Commission, including changes to MHSOAC’s approval of Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Innovation plans.

Background

Beginning in 2011, a number of changes to the administration of the MHSA have either been proposed or have already occurred. These changes are happening within the context of restructuring the larger public mental health system at both the state and local levels. In March 2012, the Commission received an overview of MHSA changes sought by the Governor in his FY 2012-13 budget proposal. In May 2012, the Commission reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 1136 (Steinberg), a legislative proposal to amend the MHSA in response to the Governor’s proposal and in order to clarify the MHSA in light of the issues left unresolved by AB 100. In June 2012, the Governor signed into law AB 1467 (Committee on Budget), which amended the MHSA by incorporating most of the provisions of SB 1136.

In addition to the MHOAC’s current statutory authority and role, AB 1467 added additional duties related to invigorating the role of the independent MHSOAC, including:

- The Commission is to receive all approved three-year program and expenditure plans, annual updates, and Annual Revenue and Expenditure Reports
- The Commission is to review and approve all Innovation plans
- The Commission is to work with others in designing a comprehensive joint plan for coordinated evaluation
- The Commission is to be consulted by the Department of Health Care Services regarding the development of MHSA regulations

In addition to these changes, the FY 2012-13 Budget increased the Commission’s role with stakeholders by transferring and adding to contracts for stakeholder involvement with the MHSA and public mental health system.

Given the responsibility to approve Innovation plans before counties can expend funds for these programs, the MHSOAC will review these plans with the “MHSOAC Innovation Programs Plan Review Tool.” This tool, which is enclosed for your information, represents the version already approved by the MHSOAC and updated to reflect current law.