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**AGENDA ITEM:**    **Community Forum Workgroup -  
Present Report on 2011 MHSA Community Forums**

**ENCLOSURES:**        • Report on 2011 MHSA Community Forums

**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:** PowerPoint on 2011 Community Forum Report

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**Issue:**

The Charter for the Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC) requires an annual report to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) on the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Forums held each year.

The 2011 MHSA Community Forum Report:

1. Provides background about MHSA Community Forums
2. Discusses the evolution of the forums since 2010
3. Describes the increasing value of the forums to the Commission
4. Identifies findings that appear consistent among the forums
5. Identifies findings that require additional attention by the CFLC
6. Identifies ongoing issues related to the forums
7. Makes recommendations based on the findings identified in the report

**Background:**

Based on the success of the community forums held in 2010, the Commission established a Community Forum Workgroup in 2011. This Workgroup is made up of four members each from the CFLC and the Cultural and Linguistic Competence Committee (CLCC). As intended, the Workgroup provides a dedicated focus on MHSA Community Forums and assists with planning, outreach and facilitation of the forums.

Community Forums were held in Roseville, San Francisco and Modesto in 2011. The 2011 Community Forum Report provides detailed information about the evolution of the forums and comprehensive information about the feedback from each of the forums.

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**Proposed Motion:**

**The Commission adopts the recommendations contained in the 2011 MHSA Community Forum Report as follows:**

- 1. The Commission should continue to sponsor MHSA community forums around the state with trends and findings analyzed and reported to the Commission annually.**
- 2. Trends and findings identified in annual reports on the community forums should be considered when developing the Commission's annual Work Plan.**
- 3. Consistent with the Commission's annual Work Plan, charter activities identified for various MHSOAC committees should include tasks necessary to further explore and/or support forum findings and intended to improve mental health services in California.**
- 4. Given the number of positive comments about the value of having Commissioners present at the MHSA Community Forums, it is recommended that whenever possible Commissioners plan to attend MHSA Community Forums held in their communities.**