

AGENDA ITEM Presentation: Mental Health Services Act Workforce Education and Training: Current Transition Activities and Future Goals

ENCLOSURES: • None

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: Power Point and supportive documents will be provided by the presenters at the meeting.

Issue:

Assembly Bill (AB) 1467 transferred responsibility for the Workforce Education and Training (WET) component of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) from the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) effective July 1, 2012.

The Commission will be provided with a presentation by Stephanie Clendenin, OSHPD Chief Deputy Director and Lupe Alonzo-Dias, Executive Director, OSHPD, Health Professions Education Program, on the transition of responsibility for the MHSA WET programs from the DMH to OSHPD. Jane Adcock from the California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) will present on the CMHPC's role in approval of the Five Year Plan. Pat Ryan, Executive Director, California Mental Health Director Association, will give a perspective of local WET implementation

Background:

The California voters approved Proposition 63 during the November 2004 general election which became effective on January 1, 2005 as the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). As a result of its passage, the Workforce Education and Training component of the MHSA was implemented by the Department of Mental Health and its stakeholders. Effective July 1, 2012, AB 1467 transferred responsibility for this component of the MHSA to OSHPD.

DMH worked with the counties, the California Mental Health Planning Council and various stakeholders to develop a statewide needs assessment, and a Five Year plan which outlined the goals, objectives and actions of the MHSA WET component. The initial Five Year Plan covers the time period of April 2008 to April 2013.

As a result of this plan, DMH developed the following statewide WET programs:

Loan Assumption Programs: The Mental Health Loan Assumption Program (MHLAP), created under the MHSA, is a loan forgiveness program aiming to retain qualified mental health professionals working within the public mental health system.

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Stipends: DMH administered, through contracts with ten higher educational entities, stipend programs for graduate students who plan to work in the public mental health system.

Technical Assistance: Statewide Technical Assistance Center - To promote the employment of mental health clients and family members in the mental health system, DMH has contracted with Working Well Together (WWT) to establish a statewide technical assistance center.

Technical Assistance: Regional Partnerships - Five Regional Partnerships (RPs) have formed across the state to promote building and improving local workforce, education and training resources.

The next Five Year plan will be developed with county needs assessments and will be approved by the CMHPC by April 1, 2014. AB 1467 amended the requirements that must be included in the Five Year plan to include strategies that speak to the, “promotion of meaningful inclusion of diverse, racial, and ethnic community members who are underrepresented in the mental health provider network.”