

X ACTION REQUIRED:

DATE OF MEETING: 6/13/12

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AGENDA ITEM: Develop Next Steps Regarding How to Incorporate the Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards into Cultural and Linguistic Competence Committee (CLCC) Charter Activities.

ENCLOSURES: • CLAS Flyer

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

Issue:

Tamu Nolfo, PhD, OnTrack Program Resources will provide a presentation outlining customized cost-free training opportunities to assist the CLCC in its efforts to integrate the CLAS Standards into the Committee Charter activities. Dr. Nolfo will also discuss her ability to help the CLCC develop an Organizational Cultural Competence Assessment tool. Afterwards, the membership will discuss how to incorporate CLAS Standards in the CLCC 2012 Charter Activities and discuss possible recommendations regarding how the Commission could use the CLAS Standards in its oversight and accountability role.

Background:

Per its Charter, the CLCC provides an annual Cultural Competence Presentation to the Commission. At the November 2011 Commission meeting, Jose Carniero, EdD, Director, Office of Minority Health Resource Center, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, conducted a presentation on the Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards. The objective of the presentation was to provide the Commissioners with knowledge about the CLAS Standards and their relevance to the MHSOAC's role in the public mental health system. An additional goal is for the Commission to gain a greater awareness of the need to develop specific policy guidelines on how to use the CLAS Standards in its oversight and accountability role.

Proposed Action:

CLCC will identify draft recommendations to incorporate CLAS Standards into CLCC activities and potential recommendations regarding how the Commission could use the CLAS Standards in its oversight and accountability role.