

X ACTION REQUIRED:

DATE OF MEETING: 3/7/12

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

- ENCLOSURES:**
- Commission Meeting CLAS Evaluations
  - MHSOAC CLAS Evaluations
  - CLCC CLAS Standard Recommendations
  - Draft Objectives Cultural Competence Orientation
  - CLAS Context Presentation Slide
  - Dr. Carneiro’s CLAS PowerPoint

**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:**

**Issue:**

The Cultural and Linguistic Competence Committee (CLCC) members 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 in the public mental health system.

**Background:**

The CLCC, per its Charter, provides an annual Cultural Competence Presentation to the Commission. At the November 2011 Commission meeting, Jose Carneiro, 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 in the public mental health system.

**Proposed Motion:**

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 in the public mental health system.