

Staff Summary of March 22, 2012 Commissioner Discussion



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Health Care Reform



MHSOAC potential role in

- Influencing policy in the following areas:
 - Essential health benefits
 - Medical home
 - Eligibility and outreach
 - Workforce development
 - Evaluation
 - Inmate/parolee eligibility for Medi-Cal
 - Other public policy
- Oversight in larger health care system
- Public relations

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Comments and Concerns

- Policy positions should be based on the Act.
- Should the MHSOAC lead the discussion forward for CA and the U.S. by advancing the MHSA values and integration?
- Will we lose the gains made in MHSA values and services under health care reform?
- Health care reform may be the vehicle for integration.

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Next steps

- Seek to have mental health adequately represented in discussions.
- Collaborate or coordinate evaluation with larger health care evaluations.

State Level Role



Possible future role for MHSOAC

- Is there a role for the MHSOAC in the inputs, as well as outputs?
- Developing standards for local plans that support MHSOAC evaluation and have evaluation results inform those standards.
 - Including issuing the RDP guidelines
- Continue to uphold the vision of the MHSA.

State Level Changes



Comments and Concerns

- OAC should maintain or enhance its ability to do local oversight.
- What must be in place to make sure the stakeholder process is vibrant?
- Currently no process to ensure meaningful stakeholder participation in the planning process going forward.
- Too much local flexibility may lead to a system that cannot be evaluated effectively (Prop 36 lessons learned).

State Level Changes



Comments and Concerns cont.

- Hard to do outreach to un/under/inappropriately served. How to build upon what's already been built?
- Board of Supervisors as ultimate approval creates problems and challenges.
- Consequences needed for non-compliance with the Act.
- How to retain capacity of OMS.
- Reducing Disparities Project legislative set-aside may create dangerous precedent.

State Level Changes



Emerging themes or consensus

- Performance Contracts are needed.
- State oversight is still needed.
- Evaluation continues to be critical role of MHSOAC.
- Strong local stakeholder process is needed.
- Not state vs. county. Should be a partnership toward a common goal.
- Drive vision at the state level and implement locally.
- Support for both statewide projects and continued WET funding.