

AGENDA ITEM: Mental Health Planning Council Update on Activities and Priorities

ENCLOSURES: • 2008-2010 Accomplishments

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: None

Background:

Since the 1960s California has had a statewide advisory board to provide public input into mental health policy development and planning. The current entity, the California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC), was established in state statute in 1993 in response to the realignment of mental health program responsibility and funding. (Welfare and Institutions Code 5771 et seq.) In addition to establishing a dedicated funding base for mental health services, realignment provided county governments with greater autonomy and flexibility in managing their local mental health programs. The Planning Council was designed to be an appropriate structure for public input, planning, and evaluation under realigned mental health programs.

Overall Purpose:

Advocacy: The CMHPC focuses on particular issues and invites providers, administrators, and direct consumers to testify and present in order to formulate policy recommendations and comments to Legislators and Boards of Supervisors. The Council membership is required to be majority consumers and family members, ensuring that there is a government-related entity that prioritizes their representation and voice as a policy influencing body. The balance of the membership consists of providers, mental health directors, consumer- related advocates, and state representatives. The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides that Commissioners serve as *ex officio* members of the CMHPC.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Block Grant and Implementation Report Review:

On an annual basis, the CMHPC distributes, reviews, discusses, and comments on the current year's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) block grant application, and the prior year's Block Grant Implementation Review.

Specific Projects:

The CMHPC has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Mental Health to conduct peer reviews of County programs that are funded with SAMHSA block grant funds. SAMHSA review procedures state that California must review 5 percent of the counties receiving block grant funds every year. This results in a three county per year review process.

The CMHPC is responsible, in conjunction with other statewide organizations, for assisting in the training of local mental health boards (MHBs) to ensure that they can effectively carry out their duties. The CMHPC is collaborating with the California Institute for Mental Health to develop a project to train MHBs on continuous quality improvement processes and how to use data. The CMHPC has created a data workbook for MHBs that contains performance indicators related to mental health disparities.

Workforce/Health Resources:

CMHPC staff participates in Health Resources and SAMHSA sponsored workgroup to develop a national uniform minimum data set for behavioral health professionals.

CMHPC completed a series of presentations at quarterly meetings focusing on occupations that work with integrated services settings, including Federally Qualified Health Centers.

In the upcoming year, members and staff will develop a comprehensive review of information related to the MHSA Workforce Education and Training activities to inform a needs assessment being required of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development for public mental health workforce functional requirements and capacity development.

Presentation:

Today, members of the CMHPC will provide the Commission an overview of their accomplishments in 2011, as well as projects and priorities for 2012. The presentation will include an overview of the following:

- Planning Council Purpose and Structure
- 2011 Priorities and Accomplishments
- 2012 Projects and Priorities