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AGENDA ITEMS: Senate Bill (SB) 1136 (Steinberg): Analysis of policy implications

ENCLOSURES: SB 1136 (Steinberg)
MHSOAC Staff Report, Fiscal Policy Implications of SB 1136

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEMS: None

Issue:

MHSOAC staff will provide a report regarding the proposed amendments to the Mental Health Services Act and possible fiscal policy implications of SB 1136. The Funding and Policy Committee will engage in a discussion regarding these proposed amendments and fiscal policy implications.

Background

On February 21, 2012, Senator Darrell Steinberg introduced Senate Bill 1136. According to the author, SB 1136 reflects a fine tuning of the Mental Health Services Act which is necessary to address issues regarding the restructuring of the public mental health system at both the local and State levels. The SB 1136 Fact Sheet produced by the Office of President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg states that the purpose of the bill is to:

- Strengthen the framework for Innovative Programs and Prevention and Early Intervention Projects;
- Invigorate the role of the independent Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHS OAC);
- Refresh the Integrated Three-Year Plan for local communities;
- Continue the State and county partnership through performance contracting;
- Establish a partnership for designing a strong, outcome-focused evaluation;
- Reflect the new responsibilities of State departments; and,
- Clarify workforce development processes and the Five-Year Plan.

MHSOAC staff reviewed SB 1136 for proposed changes that might have fiscal policy implications for the Commission and included those items, along with a brief comment, in the enclosed staff comment document for Committee discussion.