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**AGENDA ITEM: Adopt Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC) Recommendations Regarding Accessibility of MHSOAC Meetings**

**ENCLOSURES:**

- CFLC Analysis and Recommendations on Accessibility
- PowerPoint

**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:** None

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**Issue:**

The Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC) Charter states that the CFLC shall provide recommendations to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) regarding accessibility of MHSOAC meetings for clients, family members, and the public and promote their effective participation. At today's MHSOAC meeting, the CFLC will provide recommendations on the accessibility of MHSOAC meetings and will present a PowerPoint on this issue.

**Background:**

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides that the MHSOAC may "meet at least once each quarter at any time and location convenient to the public as it may deem appropriate. All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public." (Welfare and Institutions Code Sec. 5845 (d)(1)) The CFLC and the MHSOAC are concerned with ensuring that MHSOAC meetings are accessible to as many people as possible, including clients, family members, and the rest of the public. Accordingly, the CFLC has developed the enclosed analysis and recommendations to promote accessibility.

**Proposed Motion:**

***The MHSOAC adopts the following CFLC recommendations on accessibility of the MHSOAC meetings for clients, family members, and the general public:***

1. The Commission adopts the CFLC "Principles to be Considered When Choosing MHSOAC Meeting Locations."
2. The Commission will ensure that its contracts with stakeholder organizations include reimbursement provisions for both child care and dependent care.
3. The Commission will support efforts to better inform clients, family members, parents and caregivers about the availability of reimbursement for child care and dependent care when needed to attend a Commission meeting.