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AGENDA ITEMS: California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) Update on Accomplishments, Expenditures, and a Continuous Quality Improvement Study

- Beverly Buckles, DSW, Dean, School of Behavioral Health and Chair, Department of Social Work and Social Ecology Loma Linda University
- Jan Black, LCSW, Consultant, CalSWEC Mental Health Program
- John Ryan, LCSW, Consultant, CalSWEC Mental Health Program

ENCLOSURES: Power Point Presentation: California Social Work Education Center Mental Health Program, Demonstrating Educational Effectiveness through Continuous Quality Improvement

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEMS: None

Background:

The California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) is the nation's largest statewide coalition of social work educators and practitioners. In an effort to begin building the workforce for the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) the Director of the Department of Mental Health (DMH) funded a CalSWEC Mental Health Program out of DMH's MHSA administration allocation. Ongoing funding support for the CalSWEC stipend program was allocated from Workforce Education and Training (WET) funds. The WET component of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) is intended to address the shortage of qualified individuals available to provide public services that address severe mental illness. One component of the WET effort is a stipend program for the recruitment and deployment of Social Workers to work in the California public mental health system. The program requires that participants complete an internship and one year of employment in public mental health. This program, now in its seventh year, is administered by CalSWEC. Although CalSWEC administered a stipend program for Social Workers focusing on child welfare prior to the implementation of the MHSA, the MHSA created an opportunity for stipends to be available specifically for persons choosing to work in California public mental health. The overall intent of this stipend program is to produce a culturally competent mental health workforce that embraces the core values of the MHSA.

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Presentation:

At the May 24, 2012 Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) meeting, Beverly Buckles, Chair CalSWEC Mental Health Committee and Dean, School of Behavior Health, Loma Linda University; Jan Black, Mental Health Program Consultant; John Ryan, Mental Health Program Consultant, will provide a panel presentation entitled, Demonstrating Educational Effectiveness through Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). The CQI study focused on curriculum development that includes core mental health competencies and the principles of wellness and recovery. The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Commission with information and findings from the CQI, additional background information on the CalSWEC program as well as the objectives, activities, accomplishments, numbers of persons participating in the program, and fiscal status and expenditures to date. Enclosed for your review is the Power Point presentation that will be presented at the meeting.