

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION (MHSOAC)  
Mental Health Funding and Policy Committee  
May 17, 2012  
1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1000  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

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**Committee Members Present:**

Andrew Poat, Chair \*  
Paul Stansbury \*  
Kathleen Derby  
Jane Adcock \*  
Rusty Selix  
Stacie Hiramoto  
Gwen Wilson \*  
Camille Shrader\*

**Staff:**

Aaron Carruthers  
Kevin Hoffman  
Jose Oseguera  
Peter Best

**Others Attendees:**

Don Kingdon \*  
Molly Brassil \*  
Raul Sanchez \*  
Kurt Shwagman\*  
Kimberly Knifong\*

Note: \* Participated via phone

**Meeting called to order at 3:00PM**

**Welcome/General Introductions**

Chair Poat welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions were made.

**Tab 1 Adoption of the February 15, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes will be considered at the next meeting.

**Tab 2 Governor's May Budget Revision**

The following are the discussion highlights of the Governor's May Budget Revision:

- The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) staff provided an overview of the Governor's May Budget Revision.
- The Chair asked if there were any changes in the May Revision that affected mental health funding.
- A comment was made indicating that the realignment numbers for mental health have changed since the Governor's January budget. These changes are reflected in the May Revision.
- Additionally, mental health funding monies can be found in the Early Mental Health Initiative (EMHI) and mental health services for Special Education Pupils (AB 3632). There were no changes in the May Revision to either of these two programs.

- Other changes in the May Revise that affect mental health funding are the revenue forecasts for MHSA, which always change when budget numbers are revised.
- The May Revise doesn't indicate any funding cuts to mental health.
- The Chair requested that the MHSOAC staff capture today's discussion and create a PowerPoint which includes the January Budget information and updates with the May Revise changes for next meeting.
- Chair asked for input on this subject from Don Kingdon PhD., Deputy Director, California Mental Health Director's Association (CMHDA).
- Dr. Kingdon replied that Early and Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Testing (EPSDT) and Managed Care base estimates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/13 were adjusted and that the 1991 realignment amount, was also specified. Additionally, the financial provisions of realignment have been published and there are some changes and concerns which will be outlined in an upcoming CHMDA memo.
- Dr. Kingdon will send a copy of this memo to the MHSOAC Funding and Policy Committee Chair. MHSOAC staff will send a draft PowerPoint to the Chair, which will be presented at the May 24, 2012 Commission Meeting.
- A committee member posed a question to Dr. Kingdon: "Does the realignment funding page in the May Revise, combined with the trailer bill language, indicate a \$200 million increase guarantee to Child Welfare at the expense of the growth for the Behavioral Health in FY 2012/13 and 2013/14? Was CMHDA a party to that to that agreement?"
- Dr. Kingdon stated that CMHDA was not involved in that agreement. The discussions occurred between the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) and the Administration. The Child Welfare growth priority will impact the funds available through the Behavioral Health Account and will impact the years in question, if revenues materialize.
- Dr. Kingdon stated that there are major policy implications in the fiscal infrastructure in the Trailer Bill language, including policy mandate to match growth on the EPSDT Program. The Commission should be informed about these issues.
- Chair requested the staff draft a summary of the budget proposal from January with the May Revise changes and indicate that there are issues the Commission should be knowledgeable about.
- A comment was made that the Chair should address the outstanding issues with the Commission Chair.

### **Tab 3 Adopt May 2012 Financial Report to the Commission**

The following are the discussion highlights of the May 2012 Financial Report to the Commission:

- Staff provided an overview of the modifications to the Revised 2012 Draft Financial Reports, which included a new table (Table 7 and Visual 7) regarding the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Statewide Programs.

- Question: Why is there such a difference between the contracted amounts versus expenditures on the CalMHSA table?
- Staff explained that there are multiple contracts in place, but expenditures have not shown up yet. This may be a function of the implementation process and various start dates for the contracts. The expenditures should increase as the contracts are implemented. A footnote will be added to the chart to explain the difference in expended amounts.
- A comment was made that most charts do not factor in the funds that are in reserves. However, the change in the distribution method to the county in FY 2012/13 should identify all funding, including reserves.
- Question: Is there a plan to identify what funds have been expended?
- Staff stated that an agreement had been made with the State Controller's Office requesting a claim schedule to track funds that are distributed from the state to the counties.
- Chair requested that staff provide the Committee with a policy assessment of any budget or financial documents in future policy reports.
- Question: What does "other" mean on the Table 7 Chart?
- Staff replied that the definition can be found on the Index page. Staff will add a footnote to the Table 7 Chart to define what "other" means.

#### **Tab 4 SB 1136 (Steinberg): Analysis of Policy Implications**

- Staff provided an overview of the SB 1136 proposed changes. SB 1136 includes language that clarifies the changes that have occurred in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) since AB 100.
- Chair requested that staff prepare a compare/contrast analysis of AB 100 and SB 1136. He also asked how many organizations have filed a letter with the Commission in support of SB 1136?
- A comment was made that NAMI supports SB 1136 and has submitted a letter to the Commission.
- Staff stated that the MHSOAC Executive Director has a list of the letters, which will be presented to the Commission at their next meeting.

#### **General Public Comment**

A comment was made that NAMI has just issued a press release regarding their completed report on all county MHSA programs. This report can be accessed on the NAMI and MHSOAC websites.

#### **The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted by Peter W. Best, Staff Mental Health Specialist