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DATE OF MEETING: 10/16/13

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AGENDA ITEM: Update by MHSOAC Stakeholder Contractors Regarding Strategies Related to Increasing Participation from Persons with Lived Experience of Mental Illness Providing Input to the MHSOAC

ENCLOSURES:

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

Issue:

The following stakeholder contractors will give the CFLC an update regarding their strategies to increase participation from persons with lived experience at MHSOAC meetings:

- David Czarnecki, Advocacy Coordinator and Caliph Assagai, Director of Legislation and Policy, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- Cyndi Eppler, Manager, Client Stakeholder Project, Peers Envisioning and Engaging in Recovery Services (PEERS)
- Vickie Mendoza, Director Parent Empowerment Network, United Advocates of Children and Families (UACF)
- Jeannine Farrelly, California Youth Empowerment Network (CAYEN)

Background:

At the June 19, 2013 meeting, the Committee was provided with a presentation from the following two stakeholder contractors regarding efforts being made to increase stakeholder participation at Community Forums:

- Jessica Cruz, Executive Director, NAMII
- Cindy Clafin, Director of the Institute for Parent Leadership, UACF

The MHSOAC now has the responsibility to administer the stakeholder contracts that were previously administered by the Department of Mental Health (DMH). Through collaboration with the contractors, these contracts have been updated to strengthen the deliverables for the intended populations and to increase their participation.