



The California MHSA Multicultural Coalition

“The CMMC”

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What is REMHDCO?

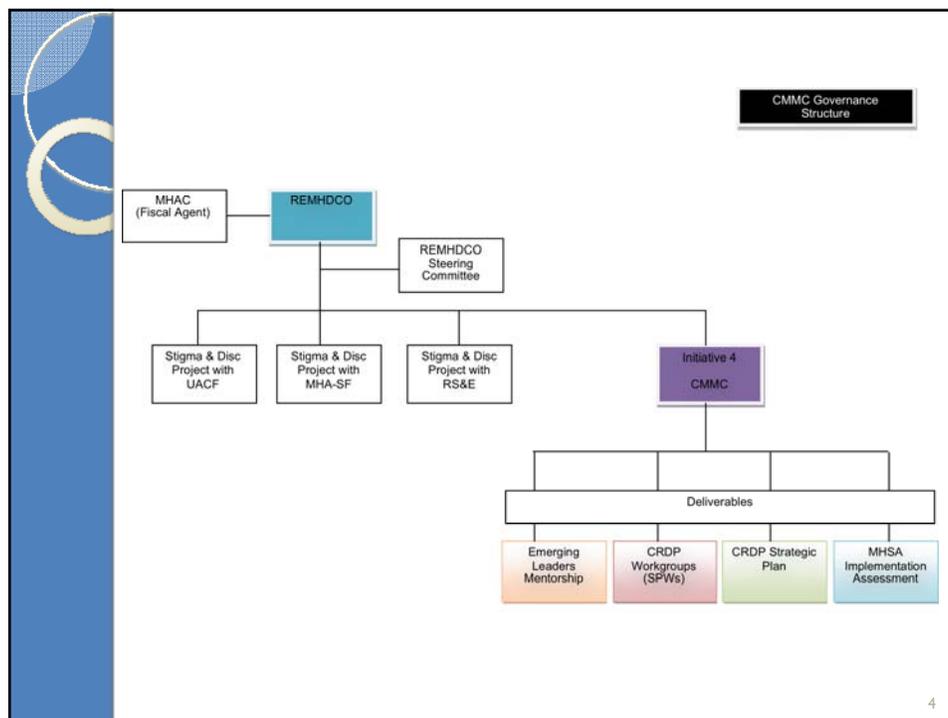
- The Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition
- Formed in 2007
- Mental Health America (Mental Health Association) in California is our fiscal agent

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What is REMHDCO Cont.

- Represent unserved, underserved, and inappropriately served racial and ethnic communities.
 - Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American, African American.
 - Non-English speaking, immigrant and refugee, Muslim communities

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Purpose of the CMMC

- Primary Goal: To work toward the integration of cultural and linguistic competence into the public mental health system.
- To address a variety of mental health issues and provide state level recommendations on all of the MHSA components and related activities.

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Purpose of the CMMC Cont.

- To bring forward diverse multicultural perspectives that have not been adequately represented in the mental health system or in previous efforts to obtain consumer and family member input
- To coordinate and support the work of the five Strategic Planning Workgroups (SPWs)

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Purpose of the CMMC Cont.

- Work together with the Facilitator/Writer to produce a comprehensive *Strategic Plan* to identify new approaches toward the reduction of disparities.
- The *Strategic Plan* will be the basis for the PEI Statewide Project on Reducing Disparities!

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Purpose of the CMMC Cont.

- To provide input to the [DMH] and Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) regarding mental health policies, programs, and services related to the MHSA.

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Formation of the CMMC

- REMHDCO did not become the CMMC
- Transition Team put the CMMC together
- Recruitment completed in January 2011
- First CMMC meeting March 28, 2011

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Who Are the Members?

- There are seats for 30 members total
- 25 members come from:
 - Community based organizations
 - Providers working with underserved pop.
 - Community leaders from diverse communities including representation across the lifespan

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Who are the Members Cont.

- (25 members)
 - Consumers and family members with diverse racial, ethnic, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds.
 - Different geographic locations in California
 - Systems other than mental health (e.g. education, corrections, child welfare, social services, criminal and juvenile justice, etc.)

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Who are the Members Cont.

- Inclusion of ethnic and racial communities in addition to the five population groups targeted by the SPWs that are cross or multi-ethnic
- Faith-based groups, immigrant and refugee communities, Arab or Middle Eastern communities, Eastern European communities, deaf and hard of hearing

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Who are the Members Cont.

- 5 seats reserved for *Emerging Leaders*
 - Also from racial, ethnic and cultural underserved communities
 - To be mentored by the CMMC
 - Will develop their leadership skills and experience in order to be more effective in representing and advocating in the mental health and other systems

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The CMMC Meetings

- Quarterly meetings open to the public
- The CMMC has 5 Committees
 - The Administration Committee
 - The Strategic Plan Committee
 - The MHSA Assessment and Recommendations Committee (MAC)
 - The Emerging Leaders Mentorship Committee
 - Public Affairs Committee

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What has the CMMC Done?

- Organizing itself and elected Co-Chairs
- Organized review of each of the SPW population reports as they were released
- 2 “State of the State” reports, 3 special reports
- Served as an example of “transformation” regarding operations, decision-making.

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Most Significant Actions

- In 2012, after open discussion, collectively developed positions regarding that year’s most important policy proposals regarding MHSA and reducing disparities
 - Transfer of Office of Multicultural Services
 - Administration of the \$60 million set aside for the CRDP (Office of Health Equity)

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Most Significant Actions Cont.

- Will conduct both an individual member and collective review of the draft Strategic Plan upon its release.
- Will begin to have meetings of its Public Affairs Committee in order to take policy positions in a more timely way.
- Will have a reception after the MHSOAC meeting in Long Beach on Sept. 26th.

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For More Information

- REMHDCO's website has a large section devoted to the CMMC:

www.remhdco.org

- Website of the Office of Health Equity under the State Department of Public Health:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/PROGRAMS/Pages/OHEMain.aspx>

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