



**Summary of
Draft Integration Policy Paper**

**“A Vision for Transforming the Mental Health
System Through Services Integration”**

Presented to the MHSOAC for 2nd Read

by the Services Committee

July 25, 2013

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Background

- On May 23, 2013, the Draft report, “A Vision for Transforming the Mental Health System Through Services Integration” was presented to the Commission for a First Read.
- Based on comments and suggestions from Commissioners at the meeting, the report has been modified in preparation for the Commission’s Second Read to occur at the July 25, 2013 Commission meeting.
- What follows is a summary of changes/modifications that have been made to the report.

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Summary of Changes/Modifications to Policy Paper

Expanded Introductory Narrative:

- Clarified the expectation that “behavioral health services” result in integrated or coordinated care for persons with co-occurring mental illness and substance use.
- Identified the need for continued attention to integrating behavioral health services.

Modified the Vision for Integrated Services to include:

- Emphasis on integrated services being available for persons of all ages – across the lifespan.
- Emphasis on integrated services being available for persons from various racial, ethnic and cultural populations.
- Identified expectation that persons served have an “integrated service experience” that serves the “whole” person.

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Summary of Changes/Modifications to Policy Paper (contd.)

Expanded Recommendations:

- Added to suggested activities for Integrated Services Workgroup to include facilitating shared information among service agencies that takes into consideration:
 1. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) procedures and
 2. Federal confidentiality regulations established for persons receiving substance use services.

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Conclusion:

- Added emphasis on integrated services being provided across the lifespan.
- Added emphasis on the importance and need for input from peers and families in a transformed mental health system.

Proposed Motion:

Commission adopts the report entitled “A Vision for Transforming the Mental Health System Through Services Integration” as presented by the Services Committee on July 25, 2013.