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AGENDA ITEM: Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget Act Update

ENCLOSURES: • None

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: Handout of the Power Point presentation titled Implications of Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14 Budget

Issue:

Sherri Gauger, Executive Director of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission), will discuss the implications of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14 Budget, Senate Bill (SB) 82, Chapter 34, Statutes of 2013 and Assembly Bill (AB) 82, Chapter 23, Statutes of 2013 for the Commission.

Background:

Beginning in 2013 and continuing throughout the next fiscal year, a number of changes to the administration of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) have been proposed or have already occurred. These changes are happening within the context of restructuring the larger public mental health system at both the state and local levels. For MHSOAC, these changes and new bills have included not only an expansion of the Commission's budget, but also its programmatic and statutory authority.

For the FY commencing July 1, 2013, the overall budget for the MHSOAC has gone from almost eight million dollars to sixty-two million dollars, with an anticipated twenty-two million dollars in federal reimbursements. Included in this new budget for FY 2013-14 is the increase of five new evaluation staff positions and one Information Technology staff position. The budget for FY 2013-14 provides for MHSOAC to administer and provide four hundred thousand dollars to an entity who will develop consensus guidelines for involuntary assessment and discharge of Welfare and Institutions Code Section §5150.

In addition to restoring the Administrative allocation and percent of MHSA funds allowable by law from three point five (3.5%) to five (5%) percent, SB 82 creates a new section in Welfare and Institutions Code—Part 3.8, Community-Based Services. This new section of the MHSA creates the vehicle for implementation of the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 and serves as the structure for the combined efforts of the California Health Facilities Financing Authority and the MHSOAC in establishing interventions and treatment services to improve client experiences, achieve recovery and wellness, and reduce costs.

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Background (continued)

Under this new section of law, MHSOAC is responsible for establishing, implementing and ultimately distributing funds for a competitive process whereby 600 new mental health triage personnel will be hired throughout the State.

AB 82 requires the Commission to issue and adopt regulations for programs and expenditures for Innovative (INN) programs and Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI).

Proposed Motion

None, information only.