



**MHSOAC**  
Mental Health Services  
Oversight & Accountability Commission



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2014 Work Plan

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## Introduction



2014 Work Plan Priorities essentially remain  
the same as the 2013 Work Plan Priorities.



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## Summary



The following year continues to bring rich opportunities to transform the health care system and improve mental health services for Californians.

- The Federal Affordable Care Act provides opportunities for further transformation through integration of mental health care with substance abuse treatment and primary care.
- The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission continues to learn from evaluation outcomes and use these outcomes to shape the system.

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## MHSOAC 2014 Work Plan Priorities and Tasks

1. Exercise an active role in policy development
2. Ensure evaluation regarding the effectiveness of services being provided and achievement of the outcome measures
3. Exercise financial oversight over the community mental health system to ensure compliance with statutes and regulations
4. Ensure that the perspective and participation of diverse community members reflective of California's populations and others suffering from severe mental illness and their family members is a significant factor in all of the Commission's decisions and recommendations
5. Ensure collecting and tracking of data and information
6. Facilitate relevant and effective support, including training and technical assistance
7. Provide oversight of statewide projects and processes
8. Increase efforts to communicate statewide impact of the MHSA
9. Continue efforts to develop strategies that overcome the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness

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## Priority 1



### ➤ Exercise an active role in policy development

- **Develop and consult on regulations and policies**
  - Draft and adopt Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) and Innovation (INN) program and expenditure regulations
  - Consult with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on all other MHSA regulations
- **Monitor activities in the Legislature for opportunities to support, oppose, or advise**
- **Network and participate in state and federal mental health activities, such as the White House National Conversation on Mental Health, State Legislative Mental Health Caucus, the federal mental health roundtable**
- **Seek to have peer certification move forward**



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## Priority 2



### ➤ Ensure evaluation regarding the effectiveness of services being provided and achievement of the outcome measures

- **Continue implementation of the MHSOAC Evaluation Master Plan**
- **Communicate lessons learned and best practices from evaluations to improve programs and policy as part of quality improvement feedback**

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## Priority 3

- **Exercise financial oversight over the community mental health system to ensure compliance with statutes and regulations**
- **Produce semiannual financial reports (January & May)**
    - Review and report on the MHSA state administration fund and how entities are expending these funds
    - Monitor and analyze county fiscal reports (e.g., Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report and the Annual Update), which include MHSA, Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (FFP), 1991 Realignment, and Behavioral Subaccount funds spent on MHSA programs
  - **Review the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) California Reducing Disparities Project strategic plan and proposed implementation**
  - **Monitor the status of California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) expenditures**
  - **Review DHCS supports of training and technical assistance through CiMH**

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## Priority 4

- **Ensure that the perspective and participation of diverse community members reflective of California populations and others suffering from severe mental illness and their family members is a significant factor in all of the Commission's decisions and recommendations**



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## Priority 4 (cont.)



- **Diversify the methods by which the MHSOAC receives input from people with lived experience of mental illness**
  - Explore livestreaming Commission and Committee meetings
- **Create work group for those left behind in community services**

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## Priority 5



- **Ensure collecting and tracking of data and information**
  - **Continue to review Annual Updates, Annual Revenue and Expenditure Reports, and three-year program and expenditure plans and cull critical information**



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## Priority 6

- **Facilitate relevant and effective support, including training and technical assistance**
  - Develop implementation plan for the Technical Assistance and Training (T/TA) policy paper adopted by the MHSOAC
  - Examine options to use evaluation results to demonstrate to taxpayers and counties the successes and challenges of mental health programs, such as creating an evaluation clearinghouse
  - Support T/TA to disseminate successful Innovation programs developed by counties through the Innovation Component
  - Oversee appropriate T/TA for items raised during the process to draft PEI/INN regulations

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## Priority 7

- **Provide oversight of statewide projects and processes**
  - Award and monitor triage personnel grants
  - Increase oversight role of statewide PEI projects



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## Priority 8



### ➤ Increase efforts to communicate statewide impact of the MHSA

- Look for ways to collaborate on statewide mental health press opportunities
- Increase traffic and utilization of Proposition 63 website
- Redesign MHSOAC website
- Communicate status of reducing mental health disparities

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## Priority 9



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### ➤ Continue efforts to develop strategies that overcome the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness

- Produce and air PEI documentary

## Proposed Motion



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- **The Commission adopts the MHSOAC 2014 Work Plan.**

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