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AGENDA ITEM: Presentation: Sacramento County Respite Care Services Under Mental Health Services Act (No Action)**ENCLOSURES:** • Fact Sheet: Respite Partnership Collaborative (RPC)**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:** A PowerPoint will be provided at the meeting.**Presentation:**

Ebony Chambers, Co-Chair, Respite Partnership Collaborative; Myel Jenkins, Program Officer, Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management; and, Robert Phillips, Director of Health Programs, Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management will provide the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission an overview of the innovative project "Respite Partnership Collaborative (RPC)."

Background:

The RPC is a public-private partnership of Sacramento County Division of Behavioral Health Services and Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management. The goal of the RPC is to increase local respite service options to offer alternatives to hospitalization for community members experiencing mental health crisis in Sacramento County. The RPC addresses mental health crisis by funding respite projects to help reduce the need for hospitalizations that could occur as a result of a mental health crisis.

The RPC is funded through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation Component. Innovation is one of five components within the MHSA and has the sole purpose of allowing counties the opportunity to try new approaches to learn more about what may work to increase access for underserved groups, increase quality of services, promote interagency collaboration and/or increase access to services.

The RPC began in May 2012 to address mental health crisis by establishing respite options to help reduce the need for hospitalizations that could occur as a result of mental health crisis. Using the Sacramento County MHSA Innovation Plan as the blueprint, the RPC has designed a process that encourages the community to define a variety of respite options and apply for respite program funding. The collaborative members are volunteers who have a commitment to implement the Sacramento County MHSA Innovation Plan. RPC members represent a diverse cross-section of interests related to respite care for the mentally ill and their family members in Sacramento County.

Action:

None