
AGENDA ITEM 8A

Information

May 22, 2014 Commission Meeting

Mental Health Awareness in Schools, TK-12

Summary: Following the round table discussion “Breaking the Fail First Cycle-Primary Grades Kindergarten through Third” at the March 2014 Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) Meeting, Chair Van Horn asked Commissioners to consider what role might be the Commission’s in the mental health education collaboration in the future. Chair Van Horn asked Commissioner Gordon to convene a meeting with Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction to discuss the Commission’s involvement and role with education. In response to the Chair’s request, the Commission will be presented with a recommendation for a task force to be led by education with participation from mental health that focuses on eliminating mental health disparities in schools, in grades TK-12.

Enclosures: Task force scope of work

Recommended Action: None

Presenter: David Gordon, MHSOAC Commissioner, Rusty Selix, Executive Director, Mental Health Association in California; Robert Oakes, Executive Director, California Mental Health Directors Association; William “Bill” Arroyo, M.D., Medical Director, Los Angeles, Department of Mental Health; and Terry Rooney, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Colusa County Behavioral Health

Motion: None

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