



Client and Family Leadership Committee Charter

Purpose: Ensure the perspective and participation of people with lived experience of significant mental health issues, including their parents/caregivers and family members, is a significant factor in all MHSOAC decisions and recommendations, consistent with MHSO Sections 10, Part 3.7, 5845 (d3) and 5846 (c).

Objectives and example specific activities for 2009

1. Advise MHSOAC regarding its policies and recommendations, consistent with MHSO Section 10, Part 3.7, 5846 (c)
2. Provide information to MHSOAC regarding client and family values and the recovery/wellness vision, consistent with MHSO Sections 2(e) and 7, 5813.5 (d)
3. Increase the effectiveness of client and parent/caregiver and family involvement in planning and policy development for California's mental health system, consistent with Sections 7, Part 3, 5813.5(d) and 15, 5892(c) of the MHSO
4. Ensure effective implementation, delivery, integration, and funding of mental health programs developed and led by clients and parents/ caregivers and family members, consistent with Section 7, 5813.5 (d)

Examples of Specific Activities for 2009

1. Analyze and make recommendations regarding proposed MOU between MHSOAC, DMH, CMHDA and MHPC, particularly with regard to community program planning and stakeholder engagement (April, 2009)
2. Analyze and make recommendations regarding the DMH draft plan for statewide issue resolution process (May, 2009)
3. Monitor, analyze and make recommendations regarding development and implementation of Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) statewide Stigma and Discrimination project (June, 2009)
4. Make recommendations regarding community program planning, with particular application to the Integrated Plan (September, 2009)
5. Make recommendations regarding how to improve the effectiveness of public comment at MHSOAC meetings (July, 2009)

Guiding Principles

The Committee will carefully consider if its recommendations meet the following criteria:

- Culturally and linguistically competent
- Promotes a client/parent/family-driven system
- Reduces stigma and discrimination
- Endorses a robust and inclusive stakeholder process

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