

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE 5.1 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

(Proposed changes are highlighted)

5.1 Committee Structure

The MHSOAC shall establish one or more technical advisory standing Committees as necessary to provide technical and professional expertise pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5845 (d)(2). Such Committees provide guidance, review materials, and make recommendations to the MHSOAC, and, in rare instances, when given delegated authority by the MHSOAC, make decisions on behalf of the MHSOAC.

The Commission Chair shall appoint a Chair and Vice-chair for each technical advisory standing Committee from among the Commission's membership. Each year the Commission Chair may reappoint a Committee Chair and Vice-chair.

Ideally each technical advisory standing Committee shall have a maximum of 15 members and shall include public membership. Of this public membership, at least two shall be consumers, at least two shall be family members or care givers of consumers, and at least two shall be members of an underserved ethnic and cultural communities. Public membership of each Committee shall be selected by the Committee Chair and Vice-chair. In their recruitment and appointment, Committee Chair and Vice-chair shall pay special attention to issues related to cultural diversity and competency. Commission staff and/or consultants will staff each Committee.

The MHSOAC currently has the following Technical Advisory Standing Committees:

- Client & Family Leadership
- Cultural and Linguistic Competence
- Mental Health Funding & Policy
- Mental Health Services
- Evaluation

In addition to the above listed technical advisory standing committees the MHSOAC currently also has an Operations Committee that is composed of the Chair or the Vice-chair of each technical advisory standing committee. The Commission Chair and Vice-chair are the Chair and Vice-chair of the Operations Committee. The Operations Committee is not a technical advisory standing committee nor is it authorized to take policy positions on behalf of the Commission unless the Commission specifically delegates such authority.