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DATE OF MEETING: 3/26/09

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AGENDA ITEM: Sonoma County PEI Plan

- ENCLOSURES:
- Sonoma County PEI Plan Approval Summary
 - MHSOAC Plan Review Process
 - Chronology of MHSOAC staff response
 - Excerpt from Sonoma County PEI Plan Addendum

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

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Proposed Motion: Approve Sonoma County's PEI Plan

The MHSOAC staff is recommending that the Commission approve the Sonoma County Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Plan. The enclosed Sonoma County PEI Plan Approval Summary provides an overview of the Plan.

Background

The Sonoma County PEI Plan was removed from the MHSOAC Consent Agenda prior to the MHSOAC meeting on February 27, 2009. This action was outside of previously approved MHSOAC Plan Review Process (enclosed) and such actions will not recur in the future. Given the unique nature of the concerns raised from stakeholders and in an effort to provide Commissioners with full information, the enclosed chronology of events describes what happened after the Sonoma Plan was submitted to the MHSOAC and DMH for review.

The Review Team used the review tool and standards that have applied with every PEI review. Upon review of the Sonoma County PEI Plan and consistent with this standard, staff sent a letter to Sonoma County requesting corrections to the Sonoma PEI Plan concerning the ethnic/cultural representation on County PEI committees. The County Mental Health Director responded to staff with detailed information to ensure that ethnic/cultural representation was evident in the community planning process.

All complaints received from individuals and organizations were forwarded to DMH per the Interim Issue Resolution Process. Staff also sent letters to all complainants notifying them that their issue was referred to DMH in accordance with the interim MHSOAC Issue Resolution Process.

MHSOAC staff requested that Sonoma County include an addendum to its PEI Plan. A 3-page excerpt of this addendum, "Sonoma County PEI Plan Community Engagement and Implementation Activities," is enclosed. It summarizes Sonoma County's response to concerns raised by community members.

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Related Activities

The following activities will take place over the next few months to ensure the PEI Review Process is further refined and Commissioners are reassured of the oversight and accountability of future plan reviews.

- The MHSOAC staff attorney will develop rules and procedures for MHSOAC (including confidentiality guidelines regarding Plan Review Notes and complaints received.)
- The Mental Health Services Committee will review the existing MHSOAC Plan Review Process and revise as needed based on experience to date in the plan review process.
- The MH Services Committee will make a presentation to the full MHSOAC Commission on the PEI Plan Reviews completed to date, the positive and negative trends emerging from plans, and possible action recommendations for the MHSOAC to consider.
- On April 2, 2009, DMH will conduct a webinar on the proposed MHSA Issue Resolution Process which will allow statewide stakeholders to provide input on the proposed process.

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