



Cultural and Linguistic Competence Committee

2009 Charter

Purpose:

To ensure that the perspective and participation of individuals and families who are members of racial, ethnic, and cultural communities is a significant factor in all of the Commission’s decisions and recommendations.

When MHSOAC committees make policy or strategy recommendations to the MHSOAC, the Cultural and Linguistic Competence Committee will carefully consider if the recommendations meet the following criteria:

1. Culturally and linguistically competent
2. Promotes a client/family/parent driven system
3. Reduce stigma and discrimination
4. Endorses a robust and inclusive stakeholder process

Date	March 2009
Chair Vice-Chair	Richard Van Horn Eduardo Vega
Staff	Luis Rodriguez, Yee Xiong
Composition	<p>Individuals with knowledge and experience in the mental health field and stakeholders from California’s diverse populations including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMH Office of Multicultural Services (DMH/OMS) • California Institute for Mental Health Center for Multicultural Development (CIMH/CMD) • California Mental Health Directors Association Cultural Competence/Ethnic Service Managers (CMHDA/CC/ESM) • University of California, Davis, Center for Reducing Health Disparities (UCD/CRHD) • California Network of Mental Health Clients (CNMHC) • Mental Health America (MHA) • National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) • United Advocates for Children and Families (UACF) • Community based organizations (CBOs)
Activities Report	<p>February 2009 – MHSOAC adopt Disparities Report Summer 2009 – provide cultural competence training to MHSOAC and staff</p>

Outcome:

1. Report to the MHSOAC on Disparities (February 2009)
2. Arrange for cultural and linguistic competence training to MHSOAC and staff (Summer 2009)
3. Recommend to the MHSOAC culturally and linguistically competent policies and procedures regarding its work and the work of the MHSOAC staff (Fall 2009)
4. Analyze and report on the implementation of the PEI State-administered project on Reducing Disparities (Summer 2010)
5. Consult with the Mental Health Services Committee on the racial, ethnic, cultural and linguistic aspects of the of the PEI State-administered project, Student Mental Health Initiative (Summer 2010/Winter 2010)
6. Consult with the Mental Health Services Committee on the racial, ethnic, cultural and linguistic aspects of the PEI State-administered project on Suicide Prevention (Summer 2010/Winter 2010)
7. Consult with the Mental Health Services Committee on the racial, ethnic, cultural and linguistic aspects of the PEI Statewide Training and Technical Assistance project (Summer 2010/Winter 2010)
8. Review the Reducing Disparities Strategic Plan proposal and provide comments to the MHSOAC (Summer 2010/Winter2010)
9. Monitor the progress of the implementation of the Reducing Disparities Strategic Plan (2010)