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DATE OF MEETING: 10/22/09

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DATE MATERIAL PREPARED: 10/12/09

AGENDA ITEM: Report from Mental Health Services Committee: Adopt PEI Statewide Program Guidelines – First Read

ENCLOSURES:

- Principles Recommended for PEI Statewide Project Fund Guidelines, adopted September 24, 2009
- Draft Guidelines for PEI Statewide Project Funds

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: A PowerPoint presentation summarizing the critical issues for the Commission to consider in the 1st read of the Draft Guidelines for PEI Statewide Project Funds will be provided at the meeting

Issue:

At the May 28, 2009 meeting, the Mental Health Services Committee (MHSC) reported to the MHSOAC that the implementation of three PEI Statewide Projects was in jeopardy: Suicide Prevention, Stigma and Discrimination and Student Mental Health Initiative.

The MHSC was charged with the task of seeking stakeholder input and developing recommendations for the Commission regarding whether to approve requests for the local use of PEI Statewide Project Funds and to recommend how to implement the three PEI Statewide Projects. At the August 27, 2009 meeting the Commission adopted the Service Committee recommendation to approve requests from three counties for the local use of PEI Statewide Project Funds and set out a timeline for development of principles and guidelines as follows:

- September 2009 Services Committee – develop guideline principles (opportunity for public input)
- September 2009 MHSOAC Meeting – adopt recommended principles for guidelines (opportunity for public input)
- October MHSOAC Meeting – 1st read of guidelines (opportunity for public input)
- November MHSOAC Meeting – 2nd read and possible adoption of guidelines (opportunity for public input)
- December 2009 – possible issuing of guidelines

At the September 24, 2009 meeting, the Commission adopted the principles (see enclosure) for the PEI Statewide Project Funds. These principles are operationalized in the draft guidelines enclosed. In the principles, the Commission emphasized the importance of having guidelines which were clear, provided incentives to help preserve statewideness and streamlined the process for counties to request these funds.

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Background:

- Recent amendments to Section 5846 of the Welfare and Institutions Code provide the authority for the MHSOAC to develop guidelines for PEI and Innovation
- Guidelines will provide the direction to counties regarding their local MHSA Plans and the allowable use of PEI Statewide Project Funds. The guidelines will also identify content requirements for MHSA plans and submission procedures.
- Guidelines will provide the standards for DMH review and MHSOAC approval of local MHSA plans requesting to use PEI Statewide Project Funds
- At the September 24, 2009 meeting, the Commission adopted principles for the guidelines (see enclosure)
- Consistent with the timeline approved by the MHSOAC at the August 27, 2009 meeting and based on the principles adopted at the September 24, 2009 meeting, the Statewide Project Draft Guidelines are being presented for a first read at the October 22, 2009 MHSOAC meeting
- These draft guidelines were presented for discussion at the MHSOAC Services Committee Meeting on October 20, 2009
- A Summary of Stakeholder Comments from the October 20, 2009 MHSOAC Services Committee will be presented to the Commission on October 22, 2009
- Critical Issues will be presented for the Commission's consideration resulting from comments raised at the October 20, 2009 Committee meeting

Next Steps:

- Written Public Comment Period: October 23 – 30, 2009 (if adopted by Commission)
- Summary of comments and proposed staff response reviewed at the November 4, 2009 Services Committee meeting
- Revision of guidelines as needed and summary of changes made
- 2nd Read of Draft Guidelines and possible adoption of Draft Guidelines at the November 19, 2009 Commission meeting

Staff Recommendations:

MHSOAC staff recommends the Commission adopt the draft guidelines at their November 19, 2009 meeting. Any revisions to the draft guidelines will be presented to the Commission at their November 19, 2009.

To accommodate additional public comment, staff proposes that the Commission adopt a one week period for written public comment.

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Proposed Motion:

The MHSOAC adopts a one-week written comment period for the Draft PEI Statewide Projects Guidelines commencing on October 23, 2009 and ending at 5:00 P.M. on October 30, 2009. Comments postmarked by October 30, 2009 will be considered received by October 30, 2009. Comments sent by email must be received by the MHSOAC prior to 5:00 P.M. on October 30, 2009. Comments may be emailed to:

MHSOAC@dmh.ca.gov

Or sent to:

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