

MHSOAC Committee Structure

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November 18, 2010

Background:

October 28, MHSOAC Meeting:

Commission proposed two options for MHSOAC 2011 Committee structure.

Option 1:

Maintain existing 5 committees with a new membership:

- Two clients
- One family member of an adult consumer
- One family member of a child with SED
- Two representatives from underserved ethnic and cultural communities
- One representative from a CBO
- One MH Professional
- One representative from County Mental Health Directors
- Chairs select remaining 6

Option 2:

Maintain 3 existing Committees:

- Evaluation, Services, and Funding and Policy
- Add 1 new committee: Community Outreach Committee
- New membership as described in Option 1 for all 4 committees
- Chairs select remaining 6 committee members based on expertise required for all 4 committees.

BACKGROUND (contd.):

Following discussion of the two options and public comment the Commission adopted the following motion:

Staff is requested to present to the Commission at the November 18, 2010 meeting a simplified framework of activities that could be part of the charters of the CFLC the CLCC and the new potential Community Outreach Committee. The framework of activities would be drafted with the understanding that all committee activities for 2011 are to support the Commission's Work Plan for 2011 which will be adopted by the Commission.

The Commission motion required staff:

1. To identify a “simplified framework of activities” that could be part of charters for the CFLC, CLCC and potential new Community Outreach Committee (COC).
2. To identify activities for each committee with the understanding that committee activities identified for 2011 must support the Commission’s Work Plan for 2011 to be adopted by the Commission.

Simplified Framework of Potential Activities

CLCC:

- Annual cultural and linguistic competence training
- Monitor progress in reducing disparities
- Comparative analysis of efforts by CMHPC, CMHDA, CiMH, DMH, and MHSOAC to reduce ethnic/cultural disparities
- Review MHSOAC processes and make recommendations on how the Commission can more effectively ensure that the perspective and participation of individuals with severe mental illness and their family members, including those from un-served and underserved communities, is a significant factor in all of the commission's decisions and recommendations

CFLC:

- Finalize Client and Family Driven Transformation Policy Paper
- Provide recommendations for more effective inclusion of clients and family in the local program planning process
- Develop, conduct and report on quarterly community forums
- Review MHSOAC processes and make recommendations on how the Commission can more effectively ensure that the perspective and participation of individuals with severe mental illness and their family members, including those from un-served and underserved communities, is a significant factor in all of the Commission's decisions and recommendations

COC:

- Plan, develop, conduct quarterly community forums
- Analyze information from community forums and report to MHSOAC
- Foster community involvement and education
- Improve grassroots stakeholder involvement.
- Review MHSOAC processes and make recommendations on how the Commission can more effectively ensure that the perspective and participation of individuals with severe mental illness and their family members, including those from un-served and underserved communities, is a significant factor in all of the Commission's decisions and recommendations.

Proposed New Option: Option 3

- Maintain current five Committees: CFLC, CLCC, Evaluation, Services, and Funding and Policy
- In addition to the individual CFLC and CLCC meetings – 4 to 8 members from each of the CFLC and CLCC come together to form the Community Stakeholder Task Force solely focused on planning, implementing, evaluating and reporting on the community stakeholder forums to be held 4 times per year in locations across California.
- Suggest CFLC and CLCC coordinate their meeting dates to meet at the same times and locations when necessary. This would allow each committee to meet and accomplish their individual committee business and then meet jointly as the Community Stakeholder Task Force to plan and implement the community forums.

Proposed New Option: Option 3
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- Suggest all committees evaluate the frequency of meetings and only meet often enough to accomplish activities in committee charters.
- Suggest all committees exam their procedures to ensure effective and timely input from other committees on relevant issues.
- All committees look for opportunities to include the perspective of children, transition-age-youth, adults, and older adults.
- Membership of all committees should include necessary expertise to accomplish individual committee activities.
- Membership of all committee should generally reflect composition of the MHSOAC.
- All committees maintain the membership currently described in the MHSOAC Rules of Procedure.

Summary of Options

Option 1:

- Maintain existing 5 committees with a new membership

Option 2:

- Maintain 3 existing Committees: Evaluation, Services, and Funding and Policy
- Add 1 new committee: Community Outreach Committee
- New membership as described in Option 1 for all 4 committees
- Chairs select remaining 6 committee members based on expertise required for all 4 committees.

Option 3:

- Maintain 5 existing Committees: Evaluation, Services, Funding and Policy, CFLC, and CLCC
- Community Task Force (4 – 8 members each from CFLC and CLCC) to plan, implement, evaluate and report on the community stakeholder forums to be held 4 times per year in locations across California
- All committees evaluate frequency of meetings and procedures

Proposed Motion:

The MHSOAC adopts one of the following Options as described:

- MHSOAC adopts Option 1
- MHSOAC adopts Option 2
- MHSOAC adopts Option 3