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DATE OF MEETING: 11/18/10

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**AGENDA ITEM:** Evaluation Committee: Present Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) Policy Paper on Evaluation

**ENCLOSURES:** Draft MHSOAC Policy Paper: Accountability through Evaluative Efforts Focusing on Oversight, Accountability and Evaluation, dated 11/8/2010

**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:** None

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## **ISSUE**

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) will consider adopting the enclosed MHSOAC Policy Paper on Evaluation to help define the Commission's strategy towards evaluation.

## **BACKGROUND**

In July 2010, Chairman Poat and Vice Chair Poaster asked Staff to prepare a policy paper for the MHSOAC to announce that it is broadening its focus from implementation and county plan review and approval to full scale program evaluation.

This document is intended to record the Commission's focus on its role of oversight and accountability. The MHSOAC Policy Paper on Evaluation is a multipurpose document, to be used by Staff and Commissioners, to help inform and educate a variety of people such as the Administration, Legislature, and editorial boards in what MHSOAC does.

A draft of the Policy Paper on Evaluation was presented at the July 29, 2010 MHSOAC meeting. The Commission referred this document to the Evaluation Committee for vetting. The enclosed draft MHSOAC Policy Paper on Evaluation reflects the comments received at the October 13, 2010 and November 3, 2010 Evaluation Committee meetings.

## **Proposed Motion:**

**The Commission adopts the MHSOAC Policy Paper: Accountability through Evaluative Efforts Focusing on Oversight, Accountability and Evaluation, dated November 8, 2010**