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DATE OF MEETING: 4/8/11

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AGENDA ITEM: Current Status of Committee Workplan and Recent Legislative Action

ENCLOSURES:

- Updated Services Committee 2011 Charter
- AB 100 – Last Amended on March 14, 2011
- MHSOAC Approach to Plan Review

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: None

Issue:

Enclosed, for your review and discussion, you will find the updated Services Committee 2011 Charter, a copy of AB 100, and a document outlining MHSOAC Approach to Plan Review.

Background:

On March 24 2011 Governor Brown signed into law Assembly Bill 100 (AB 100) which became effective immediately because it was an urgency bill. This bill made several changes to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) including how it is administered. At this time several of the changes need clarification before they can be implemented. The Executive Director of the MHSOAC has convened a workgroup made up of Executive Directors from various stakeholder groups in an effort to try to reach consensus and clarify some of the ambiguities of AB 100. This group consists of:

- Sherri Gauger, Executive Director, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
- Oscar Wright, Chief Executive Officer, United Advocates for Children and Families
- Patricia Ryan, Executive Director, California Mental Health Directors Association
- Cliff Allenby, Director (A), Department of Mental Health
- Rusty Selix, Executive Director, California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies
- Sharon Kuehn, Executive Director, California Network of Mental Health Clients
- Jessica Cruz, National Alliance for the Mentally III, California
- Ann Arneill-Py, Executive Director, California Mental Health Planning Council

Below is a summary of some of the changes to the MHSA made by AB 100.

- Annual plan approval at the state level has been eliminated and will no longer be a function of the Department of Mental Health (DMH) or the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC). Counties must still submit a 3-year plan however, it is not clear to what entity.
- Counties no longer are required to submit an annual update to their 3-year plans.
- The percentage reserved for the cost of DMH, MHSOAC, and the California Mental Health Planning Council to implement their duties under the MHSA was reduced from 5% to 3.5%. In addition, the amount of funds available for this purpose is subject to appropriation each fiscal year in the annual Budget Act.
- The state, instead of DMH will administer the MHSA fund.
- Commencing July 1, 2012, the Controller shall distribute to the counties all unexpended and unreserved funds on deposit in the Mental Health Services Fund on a monthly basis.
- A total one-time allocation of eight hundred sixty-two million dollars (\$862,000,000) from the Mental Health Services Fund for EPSDT, Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Managed Care, and mental health services provided to special education pupils.