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DATE OF MEETING: 8/17/11

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**AGENDA ITEM:** Discuss and Plan the Update to Commission Regarding Collaborative Efforts Focused on Reducing Disparities

**ENCLOSURES:**

**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:**

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**Issue:**

Per its 2011 Charter, the Cultural and Linguistic Competence Committee (CLCC) is required to provide an update to the Commission regarding collaborative efforts focused on reducing disparities that are being pursued by various agencies. Also, the CLCC monitors the California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP).

**Background:**

Last year, Rachel Guerrero, Chief, DMH Office of Multicultural Services (OMS), developed a matrix that was composed of tables from 5 different organizations. An overview of the findings was provided to the CLCC to discuss comparisons associated with multiple work plans from each of the following organizations:

1. CMHPC – Cultural Competence Committee
2. MHSOAC – CLCC
3. CMHDA –Social Justice Advisory Committee  
CMHDA – Ethnic Services Committee
4. CIMH – Center for Multicultural Development
5. DMH – Cultural Competence Advisory Committee  
DMH – Office of Multicultural Services  
State Interagency Team – Workgroup to Eliminate Disparities

Additionally, the CLCC monitors and provides updates to the Commission on the OMS’s CRDP. This effort is one of the PEI Statewide projects and as such, is under the purview of the MHSOAC.

Staff from the OMS will provide an update on the collaborative efforts these groups are conducting to reduce disparities and an update on the CRDP. These updates will be presented to the Commission at the September 2011 meeting.