



Client and Family Leadership Committee

2011 Charter

Purpose:

Ensure the perspective and participation of people with lived experience of significant mental health issues, including their parents/caregivers and family members, is a significant factor in all MHSOAC decisions and recommendations. (MHSA Section 10, Part 3.7, Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 5845(d)(3) and 5846 (c))

Objectives

1. Review MHSOAC processes and make recommendations on how the Commission can more effectively ensure that the perspective and participation of individuals suffering from severe mental illness and their family members, including those from unserved and underserved communities, is a significant factor in all of the Commission's decisions and recommendations.
2. Advise MHSOAC regarding its policies and recommendations to ensure meaningful client and parent/caregiver/family participation in MHSOAC activities (WIC Section 5846(e)).
3. Ensure the MHSOAC's policies and activities are consistent with the philosophy, principles and practices of the Recovery Vision. (MHSA Section 2(e); WIC Section 5813.5(d)).
4. Ensure the MHSOAC's policies and activities reflect client and family values and increase the effectiveness of client and parent/caregiver/family involvement in planning and policy development for California's mental health system. (WIC Section 5813.5(d); WIC Section 5892(c)).
5. Ensure effective implementation, delivery, integration, and funding of mental health programs developed and led by clients and parents/caregivers/family members (WIC Section 5813.5 (d)).

Guiding Principles

Committee policy and strategy recommendations to the MHSOAC will reflect and strive to address the following MHSA-identified priorities:

1. Culturally and Linguistically competent
2. Promotes a client/family/parent driven system
3. Reduces stigma and discrimination
4. Fully informed via a robust stakeholder process
5. Best practices and continuous improvement
6. Emphasize the inclusion of all ages across the live-span
7. Aimed to reduce mental health disparities

Activities:

1. Complete Client and Family Driven Transformation Policy Paper, including providing MHSOAC with recommendations to build the capacity to increase client and parent/caregiver and family involvement and employment in mental health services and supports. (March 2011) Report findings from 2010 community forums to MHSOAC. (first quarter in 2011)
2. Take lead, working with CLCC, to schedule and conduct quarterly community outreach forums. (Quarterly in 2011)
3. Continue efforts to support public awareness/education by maximizing communication via MHSOAC website:
 - a. Connect with communities throughout the state by placing videos and success stories on the MHSOAC website. (Ongoing)
 - b. Provide information regarding community events for posting on website calendar. (Ongoing)
4. Continue deliberation regarding accessibility of MHSOAC meetings. (Spring 2011)
5. Review and report to MHSOAC on implementation and progress of the Working Well Together Program. (Spring 2011)
6. Participate in workgroup, convened by Services Committee Chair, to develop PEI Reducing Disparities Guidelines. (Spring 2011)
7. Participate in a workgroup, convened by Services Committee Chair, to develop an Integrated Plan. (Fall 2011)

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Leadership	Eduardo Vega, Chair Ralph Nelson, Vice-Chair
Staff	Matt Lieberman, Dee Lemonds
Composition	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Khatera Aslami, Executive Director of Peers Envisioning and Engaging in Recovery Services (PEERS), Alameda County, (client and family member and representative from underserved ethnic community) 2. Donna Barry, ROP Teacher, Contra Costa County, (client and family member and representative from underserved ethnic community) 3. Kathleen Casela, Advocate for Homeless TAY, Sharing Our Lives Voices and Experiences (SOLVE) San Francisco, (client and representative from underserved ethnic community) 4. Carmen Diaz, Parent Advocate/Partner, L.A. County, (Family member/caregiver and representative from underserved ethnic community) 5. Shannon Jaccard, Executive Director, NAMI San Diego, (Family Member) 6. Jennifer Jones, Program Manager for Family and Consumer Affairs, Santa Clara County, (client and family member) 7. Richard Krzyzanowski, Consumer Employment Advocate, Orange County, (client) 8. Steve Leoni, Member of Board of Directors, Mental Health Association of California, (client) 9. Abby Lubowe, Peer Volunteer, Hope Center of Humboldt County, (client) 10. Darlene Prettyman, MHSOAC Commissioner Emeritus, Past President of NAMI CA, (family member). 11. Ruth Tiscareno, Board Member of Parents of L.A. Network, (client and family member and representative from underserved ethnic community.) 12. Jorge Wong PhD., Director of Behavioral Health Services, Asian Americans for Community Involvement, (family member and representative from underserved ethnic community). 13. Gregory Wright, Mental Health Board Member, Orange County, (family member and representative from underserved ethnic community) 14. Sally Zinman, Client Advocate, Former Executive Director of California Network of Mental Health Clients, (client).

