

INFORMATION

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**AGENDA ITEM:** Commission Discussion

- What are the critical functions to maintain in a changing mental health services environment?
- How has the Commission's role change as a result of AB 100 and recent state budget actions?

- ENCLOSURES:**
- MHSOAC Principles to Support Reorganized State Mental Health Administration
  - Proposed Logic Model

**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:** PowerPoint handouts will be provided at the Commission meeting.

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**Issue:**

A number of recent actions by the Legislature and Governor invite a conversation among the Commissioners regarding how the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission's (MHSOAC) oversight role changed and critical mental health functions that should be maintained in a changing mental health environment.

On March 24, 2011, Governor Brown assigned Assembly Bill 100 (AB 100) into law, making a number of changes to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), including the elimination of review and approval of county MHSA plans by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the MHSOAC. AB 100 also contained Legislative intent language specifying that it was the Legislature's intent to ensure continued state oversight and accountability of the MHSA. It is AB 100's intent that the state, in consultation with the MHSOAC, establish a more effective means of ensuring county performance complies with the MHSA.

Additionally, in the May 2011 revision for budget year 2011-12, the Governor proposed eliminating the Departments of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP). The proposed elimination of DMH and ADP is to occur in the 2012-13 fiscal year.

The Commissioners will discuss what critical functions are important to the Commission as the Administration begins to redirect the functions of the DMH and the MHSOAC's oversight in a changing environment

**Background:**

The proposed "MHSOAC Principles to Support Reorganized State Mental Health Administration" and "Logic Model" are enclosed as tools to aid the Commission in its discussion, and, if adopted, guide the staff in its work and priorities.

MHSOAC Principles to Support Reorganized State Mental Health Administration

The MHSOAC Principles to Support Reorganized State Mental Health Administration can aid the Commissioners in their discussion of the critical functions to maintain in a changing mental health services environment. Grounded in statute, the Principles document highlights areas that are within other departments’ or counties’ purview yet are critical to the MHSA values and MHSOAC’s ongoing oversight and accountability role.

The proposed Principles include:

- The State should continue to collect county data to support ongoing evaluation of California’s mental health system;
- The State should continue to provide fiscal oversight for the expenditures of Mental Health Services Funds to ensure funds are being spent consistent with the Mental Health Services Act;
- The State should continue to pursue and support efforts to reduce/eliminate stigma and discrimination related to mental illness;
- The State should ensure that the perspectives of people with serious mental illness and their family members are factored into MHSA decisions and recommendations;
- The State should continue efforts to reduce and eliminate disparities in access to, quality of, and outcomes of mental health services;
- The State should ensure that counties are provided appropriate support, including training and technical assistance when appropriate, to achieve the outcomes that the MSHA specifies;
- Reorganization of state government and realigning services to counties offers an opportunity to transform the mental health system by integrating services.

Logic Model

The Logic Model can aid the Commissioners in their discussion of how the Commission’s role has changed as a result of AB 100 and recent budget actions.

Generally, private and public organizations use logic models for program planning so that leaders and managers can plan with the end results in mind. Logic models are most useful to government organizations when they track performance outcomes, especially when the measures of mission success are long-term social outcomes, rather than dollars spent. The MHSOAC Logic Model describes the MHSOAC’s role in oversight and accountability and how it measures success.

The proposed Logic Model focuses on MHSOAC's specific role in the mental health system. It draws on relevant statutes and policies as well as focus areas to define oversight and accountability strategies and, eventually specific actions. These strategies and actions can be measured by oversight and accountability outcomes, which then influence the larger mental health system.

The Logic Model could assist the MHSOAC to:

- Identify the universe of possible oversight areas, which the Commission can then prioritize given available resources;
- Clarify for the public and for mental health stakeholders ways that the Commission oversees the public mental health system and ensures accountability;
- Write a 2012 MHSOAC Work Plan, defining and prioritizing specific oversight and accountability strategies and actions;
- Clarify responsibilities for committees, including task-specific cross-committee work groups and how the charge of one committee links to the broader picture of oversight and accountability;
- Determine which Commission strategies (evaluation, support, communication, etc.) are most likely to be effective with regard to overseeing and ensuring accountability for various dimensions of a realigned mental health system;
- Assess the Commission's success, including oversight and accountability outcomes and ultimately in terms of an expanded, strengthened, and cost-effective public mental health system.

If adopted, the Principles and Logic Model documents would be used to inform mental health system partners and stakeholders as well as state leadership and decision makers during future discussions on these issues.

**Proposed Motion:**

***The Commission adopts: 1) the MHSOAC Principles to Support Reorganized State Mental Health Administration, and 2) the proposed MHSOAC Logic Model.***