



**Client and Family Leadership Committee
Minutes
March 16, 2011
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
1300 17th Street, Suite 1000
Conference Room
Sacramento, CA 95811**

Committee Members:**Staff:****Others Attendees:**

Eduardo Vega, Chair Ralph Nelson, Jr., M.D., Vice-Chair Khatera Aslami* Carmen Diaz* Darlene Prettyman* Shannon Jaccard* Richard Krzyzanowski* Abby Lubowe* Ruth Tiscareno* Jennifer Jones* Steve Leoni* Jorge Wong*	Matt Lieberman Dee Lemonds Jose Oseguera Kevin Hoffman	Kathleen Derby* Stacie Hiramoto* Susie Baker* Vicki Mendoza* Michelle Curran
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*Participated by telephone.

Committee members absent: Donna Barry, Kathleen Casela, Gregory Wright, and Sally Zinman.

Welcome/Introductions

Commissioner Eduardo Vega, Committee Chair, convened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

- All meeting participants introduced themselves.

Review PowerPoint Presentation for Transformation Policy Paper

The committee engaged in a review and discussion of the PowerPoint prepared for the March 24, 2011 MHSOAC meeting summarizing the Transformation Policy Paper.

The following are discussion highlights:

- Question about another CFLC PowerPoint referenced in current PowerPoint which was developed for July 2010 MHSOAC and was part of the 2010 CFLC work product.
- Comment about the need to refer to “persons with lived experience” in the paper. Staff responded that this is mentioned throughout the paper.
- Comment that we should highlight the fact that when we refer to family members of children we are including those acting as caregivers.
- A suggestion was made to highlight more of the paper in the PowerPoint.
- Discussion took place about adding information on the composition of the CFLC to the paper.
- Suggestions offered about punctuation.
- Commissioner Vega indicated he would include information in second read draft on what is meant by “client and family members”. This should be put in the introduction section and not in the goals section.
- Comments about different types of barriers for persons from racial, ethnic and cultural communities that include historical discrimination and a lack of understanding about mental health issues from a mental health system perspective.
- Significant discussion about phrasing in paper referring to “communities of color” and whether this was accurate, complete or should be expanded. Noted that there are cultural communities that are not necessarily communities of color.
- Comment that the definition of ethnic groups is widening.
- Suggestion that phrasing about discrimination should directly call out “racial” discrimination.
- Suggestion that goals for mental health program and service delivery refers to persons being served in all settings including hospitals.
- Comment that the use of the term “mental illness” was offensive. A comment was made that the term “people with mental health challenges” could be used but that “mental illness” was a term used in the MHSA.
- Comment relating to employment goals in the paper indicating that frequently clients are pushed to work. Suggestion that the paper should refer “self determination” for clients.
- Suggestion that something about education preparing persons for work outside the mental health system should be included.
- Commissioner Vega commented that the PEI section needed strengthening and should focus on reducing the negative outcomes of mental illness.

Next Steps

Commissioner Vega discussed next steps for the Transformation Paper:

- The CFLC will take two weeks to take comments on the First Read draft and will then review the comments at its April 20 meeting.
- Staff suggested accepting comments until April 11.

General comments from the committee were taken on the paper:

- Comment that the work on the paper was something to be proud of. This comment was affirmed by several members.
- Commissioner Nelson commented that the paper was about people high up on the recovery ladder and maybe an addendum is needed. Discussion followed about whether the paper only addressed higher functioning clients. Other comments indicated that although everything in the paper might not address all clients, the doors opened for some then open doors for others. Commissioner Vega commented that the paper is for all and this should be added to the next draft.
- Commissioner Nelson commented that transformed treatment is needed in hospitals and this was affirmed by a member who also commented that better settings are needed.

General Public Comment

- One member of the public thanked the CFLC for its work on the paper.
- Comment that the CLCC had asked to work on the paper and that the CLCC wants to work together.

Commissioner Vega commented that he will ask Commissioner Van Horn for help from the CLCC with cultural competence goals.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.