

MHSOAC

Mental Health Services
Oversight and Accountability Commission

Meeting Minutes February 24, 2011

MHSOAC Conference Room
1300 17th Street, Suite 1000
Sacramento, California

Teleconference Commission Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Larry Poaster called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Commissioners on the call: Chair Larry Poaster, Vice Chair Richard Van Horn, Assembly Member Mary Hayashi, Senator Lou Correa, Patrick Henning, Howard Kahn, David Pating, and Sherriff William Brown. Andrew Poat, Ralph Nelson, Jr., and Tina Wooten joined the teleconference meeting after roll call.

Not in attendance: Eduardo Vega, Richard Bray

A quorum was established with eight commissioners present on the call.

3. **Approve Minutes of the January 27, 2011 MHSOAC Meeting**

Approval of the January 27, 2011 MHSOAC meeting minutes was postponed until the March 24, 2011 MHSOAC meeting.

4. **PEI, INN and Annual Update Plan Approval/Status Update**

Ann Collentine, MHSOAC staff, presented four county plans to the Commission.

- Sonoma County is seeking approval for three PEI programs:
 - The first program was the Santa Rosa Community Health Centers Program. This program would integrate medical and mental health services in order to provide a coordinated system that increases the quality of care available to underserved populations. A psychiatrist would provide training, education and consultation to primary care providers who are new to the field.

- The second program was the Indian Health Project which would integrate mental health services with medical services. This program would provide a coordinated system of care for the Native American and Latino population in the county.
- The third program was Reducing Disparities in Access to Mental Health Services Program. This program would provide peer-based training to increase awareness of signs and symptoms of mental health issues. The program also includes outreach and engagement activities targeted at underserved communities and populations.

Recommended approval of \$1,004,515

- Kings County is seeking approval for their Innovation Plan, "Youth Transitions Program," which builds service coordination and collaboration among Central Union School District, Kings County Behavioral Health, tribal leaders, youth and their family members, local Native American service providers, and a contracted mental health service provider. This program will pilot a collaborative Equine-Facilitated Psychotherapy. The county expects the Innovation to increase positive perception and knowledge of behavioral health and school-related services among the Tachi Yokut and other Native American community members.

Recommended approval of \$944,843

- Modoc County is seeking approval for their Innovation Plan, "Taking Integration Personally Program." One of the key features of this Innovation is that it develops and tests a process of facilitating integrated treatment delivery for consumers with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders and/or serious medical conditions.

Recommended approval of \$253,900

- San Luis Obispo County is seeking approval for eight programs: System Empowerment for Consumers, Families and Providers; Atascadero Student Wellness Career Project; Older Adult Family Facilitation; Nonviolent Communication Education Trial; Wellness Arts 101; Warm Reception and Family Guidance; Operation Coastal Care; and Multi-Modal Play Therapy Outreach Trial. Collectively, these programs reflect the voices of the community, clients, family members, veterans, and youth.

Recommended approval of \$1,877,100

Commissioner Kahn expressed concern with San Luis Obispo County's Operation Coastal Care program. He wants the Commission to consider whether this is a good idea in light of the current fiscal situation. Additionally, he questioned how this program will appear to the media.

Commissioner Poat appreciated the "Gateway to Entry" approach.

Commissioner Brown wanted to ensure that MHSA dollars weren't funding the physical aspect of this program, and noted that he had seen this type of model done before and it was very successful.

Commissioner Pating suggested that the summary be reworded. He suggested the term "Occupational Therapy" in place of "recreation/rehabilitation".

Ann Collentine noted that San Luis Obispo County has a high population of veterans. The Operation Coastal Care model promoted outreach and engagement. The mental health outcomes were clearly defined and the plan met the Innovation guidelines.

Deborah Lee, MHSOAC Consulting Psychologist, stated that this is a pilot program that addresses physical rehabilitation with embedded mental health therapy. This program is an access strategy to reach an underserved population. Ms. Lee confirmed that the MHSOAC would not be funding any physical aspects of Operation Coastal Care.

Public Comment

Mr. Frank Warren, Division Manger, San Luis Obispo Behavioral Health MHSA Division, stressed that a Surf Academy already exists in San Luis Obispo County and Operation Coastal Care will be partnering with a pre-existing and successful outlet to add mental health engagement in order to reach underserved populations, particularly veterans.

Motion: *Upon motion by Commissioner Howard Kahn and seconded by Commissioner Andrew Poat, the Commission voted unanimously via a voice vote as follows:*

- *The Commission approves Sonoma County Fiscal Year 2010/11 PEI Update New Program and funding request.*
- *The Commission approves Kings County INN Plan and funding request.*
- *The Commission approves Modoc County INN Plan and funding request.*
- *The Commission approves San Luis Obispo County INN Plan except for the Operation Coastal Care program and funding request.*

Motion: *Upon motion by Commissioner William Brown and seconded by Vice-chair Richard Van Horn the Commission voted to approve by a seven to one roll call vote to approve the following motion:*

- *The Commission approves San Luis Obispo County INN Plan Operation Coastal Care program and funding request.*
- *Words, such as “surf” and “recreation” will be stricken from all MHSOAC documents relating to the San Luis Obispo County INN Plan Operation Coastal Care program.*

5. Award Phase III Evaluation Contract and authorize Executive Director to sign the contract

Carol Hood, MHSOAC Staff gave a PowerPoint summary of the Request for Proposal (RFP) issued for the Phase III Evaluation including the deliverables and the award and protest process. Ms. Hood described the six (6) stages of scoring and the background and expertise of the individuals on the Review Team that scored the proposals received in response to the RFP. Ms. Hood announced that the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in collaboration with Evaluation Management and Training Associates received the highest score after all six (6) stages. UCLA’s qualifications and approach to the evaluation were highlighted.

Commissioner Pating was interested in knowing how the Phase II deliverables differed from Phase III.

Carol Hood noted that Phase III built on information that was gathered in Phase II; however, this phase focused more on building outcomes.

Commissioner Henning wanted to know if UCLA won all of the prior bids.

Carol Hood informed the Commissioners that Phase I has been awarded to and completed by the Resource Development Association (RDA). Phase II was a competitive process and selection and had been awarded to UCLA. The MHSOAC also has a contract with UC Davis for which the deliverables are almost final.

Public Comment

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

Motion: *Upon Motion by Vice-chair Richard Van Horn, and seconded by Commissioner Andrew Poat, the Commission voted unanimously via a roll call vote as follows:*

1. *Authorize the Executive Director to issue a “Notice of Intent to Award Contract” to Regents of the University of California, University of California, Los Angeles.*

2. *Establish March 3, 2011 as the deadline for unsuccessful bidders to file an "Intent to Protest" consistent with the five working day standard set forth in the Request for Proposals.*
3. *Direct the Executive Director to notify the Commission Chair and Vice Chair of any protests within two working days of the filing.*
4. *Authorize the Executive Director to adjudicate protests consistent with the procedure provided in the Request for Proposals.*
5. *Authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract upon expiration of the protest or consideration of protests, whichever comes first.*

6. **Adopt MHSOAC Principles Regarding Governor's Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 11/12 Budget, Impact on Mental Health Services Act**

Commissioner Andrew Poat presented background information and gave an overview of the issues related to the MHSOAC principles that were drafted at the February 15, 2011 Funding and Policy Committee Meeting. The following principles were brought to the Commission for adoption:

1. Use of MHSA funds must further the purpose and intent of the Act.
2. Minimize the impact to existing MHSA services.
3. The State must assure that the MHSA's maintenance of effort and non-supplant requirements will be met.
4. The MHSOAC supports actions to create more efficiency, enhance cash flow to the local level, and effective use of MHSA funding while maintaining effective oversight and accountability.

Commissioner Pating stated that he supports the paper, but wants to know how Principle 3 will impact the \$861 million proposed to be redirected.

Commissioner Poaster stated that the "burden of truth" needs to be consistent with the Act.

Commissioner Kahn said that this is a good statement of principles.

Public Comment

Stacie Hiramoto, Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition (REMHDCO), acknowledged Commissioner Poat for expressing concerns for continuing current MHSA services, but believed the language should be stronger so counties do not use the fiscal problems as an excuse. We do not want to slow down the process; however, people from underserved communities need to be protected.

Assembly member Bell's representative said that the draft is well written and suggested the addition of specific language that is in Section 15 of the Act, W & I Code Section 5891.

Delphine Brody, MHSA and Public Policy Director of the California Network of Mental Health Clients (CNMHC), stated that there should not be any further delays in serving underserved communities. Ms. Brody also referenced principle 3 and wants the Commission to take a closer look at the year following the diversion of funds. Specific revenue sources need to be identified and interest should be applied.

Motion: *Upon Motion by Vice-chair Richard Van Horn, and seconded by Commissioner David Pating, the Commission voted unanimously approved:*

Due to the time sensitiveness of adopting the principles to help inform the Governor and the Legislature's decision regarding the proposed transfer of \$861.2 million of Mental Health Services Fund to fund several mental health entitlement programs there is a need for the Commission to take action on the principles paper at its first read.

Motion: *Upon Motion by Commissioner Andrew Poat, and seconded by Commissioner Tina Wooton, the Commission voted unanimously via a roll call vote:*

The Commission adopts the "MHSOAC Principles Regarding Governor's Proposed Fiscal Year 2011/12 Budget, Impact on Mental Health Services Act" dated February 16, 2011.

7. Public Comment

There was no general public comment.

8. Adjournment

Chair Poaster adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.