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Dear Chairman Poaster:

Rocco Cheng

Thank you again for your response to our concerns about the AB 100 workgroup issue. The purpose of this follow-up letter is threefold.

Connie Chung-Joe

Crystal Crawford

Firstly, we would like to express our appreciation and apologies. We appreciate your willingness to give us time to make public comment at the September OAC meeting to share more about the CMMC our purpose and answer any questions you may have had of us. We regret that I had an emergency that afternoon that prevented me from attending this meeting.

Viviana Criado

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Don Edmondson

Secondly, we would like to assure you that we would be happy to attend your November meeting, make public comment about the CMMC and answer any questions you may have. For this reason, we would like to request to be added to your November agenda, if possible, and hopefully be given 15 minutes to speak with you about CMMC, our role within the California Reducing Disparities Project, and our link with the Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition (REMHDCO).

Jim Gilmer

Jamila Guerrero-Cantor

Janet King

Kirk Lee

Thirdly, and finally, we request your response to the three proposed solutions we presented in our September 6, 2011 letter to ensure closer collaboration with you. Specifically, we request your consideration of and action on the following recommended proposals:

Beatrice Lee

Jessica LePak

1) To implement a small group meeting of representatives from our communities and MHSOAC to discuss "meaningful next steps" in proactively problem-solving the exclusion of underserved, unserved and inappropriately-served communities in meetings.

Poshi Mikalson

Emma Oshagan

Mari Radzik

2) To adopt a page of "Inclusion Principles" into the MHSOAC charter or operating procures. These principles could be developed through a formal workgroup consisting of members of our communities and representatives from MHSOAC; and

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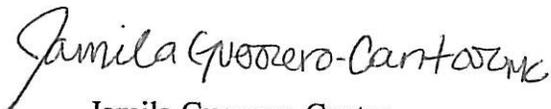
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3) Implement a policy to ensure appropriate notification of upcoming and important meetings like the AB 100 workgroup to unserved, underserved and inappropriately served communities.

Thank you for clearly explaining the processes taken, workgroup member composition, selection criteria and time constraints for "developing consensus on those "very high level issues" that you needed clarification on as a result of the enactment of AB 100. Your shared commitment to working collaboratively with all California MHSA stakeholders is truly appreciated .

We look forward to hearing back from you and your willingness to create greater collaborative partnerships with stakeholder. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jamila Guerrero-Cantor

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cc: Darrell Steinberg, President Pro Tempore, California State Senate
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