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DATE OF MEETING: 11/9/11

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AGENDA ITEM: Review and Discuss MHSOAC DRAFT Paper: "Transforming the Mental Health System through Integration"

ENCLOSURES: DRAFT Paper: "Transforming the Mental Health System through Integration"

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: None

Issue:

Enclosed is the DRAFT "Transforming the Mental Health System through Integration" paper for your review and discussion.

Background:

In November 2007, the Mental Health Services and Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) authorized a 19-member Workgroup on Co-occurring Disorders (COD). The MHSOAC charged the COD Workgroup with developing comprehensive recommendations to address the needs of people with co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders.

The COD Workgroup, which met from November 2007 through June 2008, heard briefings by state leaders and experts on the status of the treatment of co-occurring disorders in California. The "Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission Report on Co-Occurring Disorder Services" was developed from the COD Workgroup and adopted by the Commission on November 20, 2008. The COD Workgroup's key findings and recommendations are to improve the capacity of state and county policy makers and program administrators to address the needs of individuals with co-occurring disorders under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).

More recently, the Services Committee has recognized the ongoing, urgent need to improve the care of individuals with co-occurring behavioral health and medical disorder and is reasserting and updating the recommendations of its previous COD Report with the enclosed DRAFT policy paper entitled, "*Transforming the Mental Health System through Integration*".