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AGENDA ITEM: Status Update on Reducing Mental Health Disparities Workgroup

ENCLOSURES: None

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: None

Issue:

Provide a status update to the Services Committee on the Reducing Mental Health Disparities Workgroup.

Background:

The MHSOAC has primary responsibility for MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) programs including five PEI "statewide" programs being implemented by CalMHSA which are: Student Mental Health Initiative (SMHI); Stigma and Discrimination Reduction (SDR); and Suicide Prevention. An Additional Statewide PEI program still being developed which focus on reducing racial, ethnic and cultural disparities.

Currently DMH has contracted for the development of a comprehensive strategic plan to reduce disparities statewide and establish a MHSA Multicultural Coalition. The DMH project to develop the strategic plan is known as the California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP).

After a strategic plan is completed by DMH, the MHSOAC will approve the plan for expenditures, and then \$60 million (\$15 million per year for 4 years) will be available to implement "statewide" projects aimed at reducing disparities. Before program implementation can occur, MHSOAC guidelines for the use of these statewide PEI funds must be developed.

The Services Committee is charged with convening a Workgroup with participants from the Client Family Leadership Committee and the Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee that will draft PEI Statewide Reduction Disparities Project guidelines which will be presented to the MHSOAC for possible adoption. The Workgroup has not yet met but should be meeting within the next couple of months.