

Draft Client and Family Leadership Committee Recommendations of MHSOAC Meeting Accessibility

1. MHSOAC Meeting Location Discussion (Staff suggests that the CFLC pick either “a” or “b” below or have a majority and minority opinion.)
 - a. Some CFLC members thought since the CIMH meeting site is frequently crowded and youth and other clients may not feel at ease in a crowded space, and since disabled people have difficulty moving around at the CIMH site, the CFLC recommends that the MHSOAC move from the CIMH meeting site to a larger site.
 - b. Other CFLC members thought since CIMH has an excellent sound system, no cost parking, and good access to a market, the CFLC recommends keeping the MHSOAC meetings at the CIMH site.
2. Specific Recommendations:
 - The CFLC recommends having childcare, public transportation, and water and food available at Commission meetings.
 - The CFLC recommends recording, archiving recordings, and streaming MHSOAC meetings.
 - If the MHSOAC moves its meeting site, the CFLC recommends having MHSOAC meetings near low cost food purveyors.
 - The CFLC recommends having a meeting site with a bigger lobby for recharging during meetings. Some CFLC members thought that the CIMH site, with its new lobby, may be adequate.
 - The CFLC recommends inviting the hard of hearing community to MHSOAC meetings and providing American Sign Language interpreters.
 - The CFLC recommends inviting other disabled communities to MHSOAC meetings. The California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC) could assist with outreach efforts.
 - The CFLC recommends that announcements regarding access could be made at MHSOAC meetings.
 - The CFLC recommends that the MHSOAC should make it clear that the Commission values comments by stakeholders and the public.

Note: As recommended by the CFLC, Chair Vega will present initial accessibility recommendations to the MHSOAC on November 17, 2011.