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- **AGENDA ITEM:** Update and Discuss the Upcoming Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards Presentation for MHSOAC Commissioners

ENCLOSURES:

- Curricula Vitae of Jose Carniero, Ed, Director, Office of Minority Health Resource Center, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards
- CLAS Standards
- 2001 National Standards for CLAS in Health Care (Background and Goals)
- Draft CLAS Learning Objectives submitted by Dr. Carniero
- Draft MHSOAC Commission Cultural Competence Presentation developed by CLCC Workgroup
- Draft CLAS Standards Presentation Evaluation Form

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

Issue:

The CLCC members who participate on the Cultural Competency Presentation Workgroup will provide an update regarding the presentation that will be presented to the MHSOAC Commissioners and staff.

The presentations will include an overview of the CLAS Standards and their relevance to the public mental health system. The learning objectives of the presentation will be that the Commissioners will gain greater awareness of the need to develop specific policy guidance on how to use the CLAS Standards in its oversight and accountability activities, and Commissioners and staff will gain greater awareness of the need to develop specific policy guidance on how to use the CLAS Standards in its oversight and accountability activities for the public mental health system.

Background:

Per the CLCC Charter, the Committee annually provides a Cultural Competency Presentation to the MHSOAC Commissioners and staff.