

Update on State Reorganization Activities

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Purpose

Provide Commissioners an update on efforts underway related to state reorganization of mental health functions

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Order of Presentation

- Overview of changes in state governance of mental health programs
- Highlights of Medi-Cal reorganization activities
- Focus on other non-Medi-Cal mental health reorganization activities
- Summary of the Department of Mental Health (DMH) draft report
- DMH next steps
- Fundamental issue still pending

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Changes in State Governance

In 2011, the Governor signed bills that:

- Shift significant responsibilities for mental health programs from the state to the counties and schools
- Schedule the elimination of the DMH and Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) for the 2012-13 fiscal year
- Transfer Medi-Cal related functions from DMH and ADP to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

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Changes in State Governance (cont.)

Because of these changes, the Administration is seeking input about the future of state administration for public community mental health.

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Medi-Cal Reorg Transition Plan

Stakeholder Requirements

- Assembly Bill (AB) 102, enacted on June 28, 2011, directs DHCS and DMH to:
 - Create a transition plan to guide the transfer of Medi-Cal related specialty mental health services to DHCS
 - Conduct stakeholders meetings to inform the creation of the transition plan
- DHCS held meetings from July 12 through September 19, 2011
- Transition report due to the Legislature on October 1, 2011
- ADP is conducting a similar process for the transfer of the Drug Medi-Cal Program

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Medi-Cal Reorg Transition Plan (cont.)

The Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health functions transferred from DMH to DHCS include:

- Medi-Cal program compliance
- County Medi-Cal program technical assistance (TA)
- IT support for Medi-Cal systems and subsystems
- Data management & support for Medi-Cal program
- Medi-Cal program policy support
- Administrative and financial services in support of Medi-Cal program

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Other Mental Health Reorg Activities

- In addition, the DMH convened a separate series of meetings with stakeholders to gather feedback on the public community mental health non-Medi-Cal activities and programs.
 - Includes MHSA
- DMH's goal is to develop a final summary report by mid-October 2011 in time for the Governor's budget considerations

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Other Mental Health Reorg Activities (cont.)

DMH held 10 meetings attended by over 1000 participants and asked:

- What opportunities exist as a result of the transition at the state level?
- Which state department or county entity should perform what functions?
- What are the challenges associated with the changes to mental health at the state level and how can they be addressed?

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DMH Draft Summary Report

Some Stakeholder Comments (“findings”)

- State level executive leadership for community mental health is essential
- Oversight is the most important state mental health function
- Program evaluation and quality improvement are essential functions
- Effective financial oversight is a high priority

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DMH Draft Summary Report (cont.)

Some Stakeholder Comments (“findings”) (cont.)

- Hope for streamlined reporting requirements and centralized audit activities
- Desire for improved data access
- Opportunity for rules that remove barriers to services
- Cultural competence and reducing disparities are essential elements of the mental health system
- Keep state leadership in cultural competence

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DMH Draft Summary Report (cont.)

Some Stakeholder Comments (“findings”) (cont.)

- Do not undo achievements of MHSA
- Keep focus on wellness, recovery, resilience
- Do not lose focus on prevention and early intervention
- Keep consumer and families’ voices in the realigned mental health system
- Stakeholders indicated they do not have enough knowledge to make informed recommendations about which state entity should perform specific functions

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DMH Next Steps

- September 23 and 30, 2011- DMH host webinars to allow stakeholder responses to Draft Summary Report
- October 7, 2011 - Comments due to DMH
- Mid-October 2011 - DMH goal to finalize Summary Report
- Oct 2011 – June 2012 – DMH to host monthly stakeholder meetings

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Still Pending Issue

Will ADP/DMH non-Medi-Cal mental health functions be integrated into DHCS or given to a separate department?

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Closing

The MHSOAC provided DMH the “Principles to Achieve Oversight and Accountability in a Changing Mental Health Services Environment” adopted July 2011

Packets contain the formal recommendations provided to DMH from some organizations, including:

- CA Mental Health Directors Association
- National Alliance on Mental Illness

The CA Coalition for Mental Health is expected to vote on their recommendations by the end of September.