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DATE OF MEETING: 09/22/11

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AGENDA ITEMS: Report on the Progress of the Reducing Disparities Strategic Planning

ENCLOSURES: None

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEMS: The following materials will be made available at the Commission meeting:

- *Letter from California MHSA Multicultural Coalition*
- *Response to CMMC Letter*
- *PowerPoint Presentation*

The Purpose of the Presentation:

Update the members of the Commission on the progress of the California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP) and the Statewide CDRP Strategic Plan.

Sean Tracy, Acting Deputy Director, DMH Office of Community Services, will provide an update on the status of the CRDP and the Statewide CRDP Strategic Plan including:

- A timeline for the completion of CRDP contract deliverables
- A breakdown of the projected expenditures for the \$60 million in PEI Statewide CDRP Strategic Plan funding. Indicate where in the process MHSOAC approval is expected.
- An explanation of how the on-going \$1.5 million in Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds set aside to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to guide the design of the statewide project and to establish a MHSA Multicultural Coalition will be expended in future years.

Background:

The MHSOAC has primary responsibility for Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) programs, including PEI Statewide programs. In 2007 the MHSOAC approved a PEI Statewide project specifically focused on reducing ethnic/cultural disparities. \$60 million (\$15 million per year for four years) was reserved to implement this project. In January 2009 the MHSOAC voted to support the CRDP proposed by the California Department of Mental Health (DMH). DMH has authority to use \$1.5 million of MHSA state administrative funds to administer the CRDP to develop a strategic plan for implementation of the PEI Statewide Reducing Disparities Project. In March 2010, after a competitive bid process, DMH executed two-year contracts with each of the five population groups listed below:

- African Americans: African American health Institute of San Bernardino County
- Asian/Pacific Islanders: Pacific Clinics

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Background (Continued)

- Latinos: UC Davis Center for Reducing Health Disparities
- Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ): Equality California Institute
- Native Americans: Native American Health Center of Oakland

The goal of these five population groups (Strategic Planning Workgroups (SPWs)) will be to develop population-specific reports (strategic plans) that will form the basis of a statewide comprehensive strategic plan to identify new approaches toward the reducing of disparities.

DMH has two additional contracts to support the CRDP which were executed in June 2010: a two-year contract for a facilitator/writer with CA Pan Ethnic Health Network and a five-year contract with Mental Health Association in California/REMHDCO to bring together experts and develop a California MHSA Multicultural Coalition (CMMC). The facilitator/writer is to collaborate with the five SPWs and compile all of the population-specific reports developed by the SPWs into one comprehensive strategic plan.

Correspondence from CMMC

The Chair of the MHSOAC has received a letter from the CMMC offering suggestions for future collaboration. A copy of CMMC's letter as well as the Chair's response will be made available at the September 22, 2011 Commission meeting.