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AGENDA ITEMS: Workforce Education and Training (WET) Progress Update

ENCLOSURES: • *WET PowerPoint Presentation*

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEMS: None

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Background:

The Workforce Education and Training (WET) component of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) is intended to address the shortage of qualified individuals available to provide services that address severe mental illness. The MHSA requires the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to collect county data, complete a statewide occupational needs assessment, and develop a Five-Year Plan addressing a statewide mental health education and training program to increase the quantity and quality of trained persons available for employment in the mental health system, while increasing family and consumer involvement in service delivery and encouraging development of a diverse workforce.

Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 5820 and 5821 provide that the California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) shall review and approve the Five-Year Education and Training Plan, shall advise DMH on education and training policy development and shall provide oversight for the department's education and training plan development for state and local level programs.

The Five-Year Education and Training Plan is required to address multiple strategies to reduce the workforce shortage, including expanding the capacity to postsecondary education to meet the needs identified for mental health occupational shortages, forgiveness and scholarship programs for a commitment to work in California's public mental health system, strategies to recruit high school students for mental health occupations and stipend programs for persons who want to be employed in the mental health system. The first Five-Year Education and Training Plan was approved in April 2008 and the next plan is due April 2013.

PowerPoint Presentation on WET Activities and Programs:

- State-level WET Activities
- Regional Partnership WET Activities
- Local County-level WET Activities and Programs