

INFORMATION

AGENDA ITEM: 4

 X ACTION REQUIRED:

DATE OF MEETING: 8/19/14

PREPARED BY: Lyon

DATE MATERIAL
PREPARED: 8/13/14

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion Regarding Statewide Efforts for Peer Certification

ENCLOSURES:

- Draft Letter to California Mental Health Planning Council
- Summary Peer Certification Road Map Meeting, July 1, 2014

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

Agenda Item 4 Presentation:

At the August 19, 2014 meeting, the Committee will discuss the recommendation that the MHSOAC send a letter of support to the California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) regarding their efforts for Peer Certification. The enclosed draft letter will be reviewed and discussed by the Committee membership and will later be presented to the Commission Chair for approval.

The Committee will also be provided with an update regarding the statewide efforts for Peer Certification.

The MHSA is committed to value the experience of consumers and family members as active participants in the recovery of persons with mental illness. The certification of peer specialists would offer individuals peer supported services through programs within the behavioral health system led by people in recovery who are uniquely qualified and trained to deliver an array of enhanced services to help others identify and navigate systems to aid in their recovery.

The certification would establish a formal scope of practice for peer specialists through a certified training process offered statewide in California.