
AGENDA ITEM 5A

Action

October 23, 2014 Commission Meeting

**Proposed Innovation Regulations:
Responses to Public Comment**

Summary: The 45-day public comment period on the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) proposed Innovation regulations closed at 5:00 p.m. on August 28, 2014. At the October 23, 2014 Commission meeting, the Commission will be presented with the public comments received during the 45-day public comment period. The Commission will also be presented with Staff's recommended responses to the public comments, including proposed modifications to the language of several sections and the rationale for the modifications.

All of the public comments received are set forth in the enclosed Matrix of Public Comments and Staff's Recommendations. The Matrix is structured to provide the information that the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) needs: public comment, the response (i.e. accept or reject the public comment), the action taken (i.e. proposed changes to the language in the regulations), and rationale for the response.

The MHSOAC will vote on whether to accept Staff's recommendations to: (1) reject the changes suggested by the public comments; and (2) accept the suggestions and modify the language of the proposed regulation sections.

Enclosed are the following two versions of the Innovation regulations: (1) the regulations with the recommended changes to the language. The proposed modifications are illustrated with the new text underlined and deleted text in strikethrough; and (2) the original proposed Innovation regulations that were approved by the Commission and published in July 2014 by OAL in the Notice Registry.

Enclosures: (1) Recommended Changes to Proposed Innovation Regulations; (2) Original Proposed Innovation

regulations as published in July 2014; (3) Matrix of Public Comments with Staff's Recommended Responses; (4) Page Index for the Matrix of Public Comments; and (5) Index of Public Commenters.

Handouts: PowerPoint handout will be made available at the meeting.

Recommended Action: Accept Staff's recommendations.

Presenters: Filomena Yeroshek, Chief Counsel; and Dr. Deborah Lee, Consulting Psychologist.

Motions:

- (1) The Commission adopts Staff's suggested Changes to Proposed Innovation Regulations; and
- (2) The Commission adopts Staff's rejections of public comments to Proposed Innovation as set forth in the "Matrix of Public Comment with Staff's Suggested Responses."