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**AGENDA ITEM:** Information & Discussion: Presentation by Representatives from Alameda County Behavioral Health about their Experience Implementing and Using the Individual Placement and Support Evidence-based Approach to Supporting Employment for People Living with Mental Illness Followed by a Discussion with the Evaluation Committee

- ENCLOSURES:**
- IPS Practice and Principles
  - Alameda County IPS Report
  - November 3 IPS Conference Flyer
  - Alameda County Summer 2014 Newsletter

**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:** None

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**BACKGROUND:**

Individual Placement and Support Model (IPS) of supported employment helps people with severe mental illness work at regular jobs of their choosing. Although variations of supported employment exist, IPS refers to the evidence-based practice of supported employment.

Characteristics of IPS Supported Employment:

- It is an evidence-based practice
- IPS supported employment practitioners focus on client strengths
- Work can promote recovery and wellness
- Practitioners work in collaboration with state vocational rehabilitation
- It uses a multidisciplinary team approach
- Services are individualized and long-lasting
- The IPS approach changes the way mental health services are delivered

Representatives from Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBHCS) will share their first-hand experience currently using this evidence-based practice along with preliminary results in their county. The representatives from ACBHCS will then participate in a discussion with Evaluation Committee members about the program and its potential broader use throughout the state.