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AGENDA ITEM: Discussion on Recommendations to be Presented at the May 28, 2015 MHSOAC Meeting Regarding the Commission Meeting Orientation Process

ENCLOSURES:

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

Agenda Item 5 Presentation:

At the April 30, 2015 Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC) meeting, members will respond to questions regarding the Stakeholder Orientation currently being presented prior to Commission meetings.

Responses generated from the questions that follow will be presented as recommendations to the Commission at the May 28, 2015 meeting.

Background

In an effort to “ensure that the perspective and participation of members and others suffering from severe mental illness and their family members is a significant factor in all of its decision and recommendations,” the MHSOAC tasked the CFLC with creating and offering a Stakeholder Orientation to stakeholders and other interested parties prior to each Commission meeting.

The Stakeholder Orientation has been very effective to prepare and inform individuals on how to provide public comment at Commission meetings. The orientation consists of a PowerPoint titled, “Making Your Point: How to Give Effective Public Comment at MHSOAC Meetings” and a pamphlet with quick reference bullets and tips on how to understand the agenda format and how to navigate the public comment card process.

Attendance during orientation at Commission meetings held in Sacramento has diminished. Orientation attendance at out-of-town meetings is typically high. As part of the Commission’s commitment to continuous quality improvement, the Commission is asking the CFLC to evaluate new stakeholder participation in MHSOAC meetings and provide strategies to support and encourage stakeholder involvement.

The Commission approved the following motion at its March 26, 2015 meeting: ***The MHSOAC requests that the CFLC evaluate new stakeholder participation in MHSOAC meetings, strategize to support their involvement, and report findings at the May Commission meeting.***

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Questions for CFLC consideration regarding the Stakeholder Orientation presented for Commission meetings.

1. Should the Stakeholder Orientation that is currently available preceding Commission meetings continue to be available at that time?
2. Has there been consistent interest to provide the Stakeholder Orientation during the lunch break at the Commission meeting?
3. When the MHSOAC meets outside of Sacramento, when should the Stakeholder Orientation be available?

The responses provided by the CFLC to the above questions will be presented as recommendations to the MHSOAC at the May 28, 2015 meeting regarding the Stakeholder Orientation.