
AGENDA ITEM 3A

Action

April 23, 2015 Commission Meeting

Innovative Project Regulations: Commission Response to Public Comment

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider comments from the public on changes that the Commission made to the proposed Innovative Project (INN) regulations at its March 26, 2015 meeting.

Most of the changes to the INN regulations that were made at the March 26, 2015 MHSOAC meeting were changes made in response to feedback received from the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

The changes to the text of the INN regulations resulted in a 15-day public comment period that ended on April 12, 2015. At its April 23, 2015, meeting, the Commission will be presented with comments received during this public comment period. The Commission will also be presented with Staff's recommended responses to the public comments, including proposed modifications, if any, to the language of proposed INN regulations and the rationale for the modifications.

The enclosed document, "Matrix of Public Comments with Staff's Recommended Responses," is structured to provide the information that the 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 proposed regulations or retain existing language with no change), and rationale for the response. For your convenience, enclosed is a copy of the proposed INN regulations that includes all changes that the Commission made in March 2014 and that were the subject of the 15-day notice.

The MHSOAC will vote on whether to accept Staff's recommended responses to the public comments, including proposed modifications, if any, to the language of proposed INN regulations.

Enclosures: (1) Recommended Changes to Proposed INN Regulations in response to public comments regarding changes made by the Commission in March 2015; (2) Matrix of Public Comments with Staff's Recommended Responses; (3) Index of Public Commenters; (4) Proposed INN regulations as changed at the March 26, 2015 MHSOAC meeting.

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 regulations as set forth in the "Matrix of Public Comment with Staff's Suggested Responses."