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AGENDA ITEM: 5

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DATE OF MEETING: 04/08/15

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**AGENDA ITEM:** Initial Training and Technical Assistance Workgroup Structure Discussion

**ENCLOSURES:** Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)  
Training and Technical Assistance Framework

**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:**

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The Service committee has been tasked with the following charter items related to Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA):

1. Support implementation of the MHSOAC Resource Center and carry forward the Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) policy paper including Prevention and Early Intervention and Innovation regulations, adopted by the Commission on January 26, 2012.
2. Convene Training and Technical Assistance advisory committee and invite relevant partners.
3. Convene a workgroup with Department of Health Care Services and California Institute for Behavioral Health Services to discuss MHSOAC training and technical assistance policy paper implementation and priorities.
4. Improve the likelihood that counties have supports and resources to carry out local evaluation and quality improvement efforts via the MHSOAC Resource Center and T/TA framework.
5. Support training and technical assistance to disseminate successful Innovation programs developed by counties through the Innovation Component.

The Services Committee will form a Training and Technical Assistance Workgroup. Members of the workgroup will discuss ways to operationalize the above charter activities and will make recommendations to the Commission on what steps are needed to move activities forward.

Topics that the MHSOAC would like this workgroup to address include, but are not limited to:

- What is the best way to structure the workgroup and or sub-committees to address the questions listed below:
  - Who else needs to be involved in bringing the resource center to reality?
  - What resources exist now that could be utilized or built on?

- What additional resources (such as funding) are necessary to create and maintain a resource center?
- What is the best organizational home for a resource center?
- How can interested parties, including TA providers, TA users, and TA beneficiaries collaborate to bring about and maintain a resource center and make sure it is used most effectively to bring about MHSA outcomes?
- How can we define priorities (short-term, medium-term, long term?) related to training/TA (resource center) on which we can agree to collaborate?
- What are concrete steps, timelines, and participants to get from here (vision) to there (implementation)?
- What are the key areas of mental health practice in which counties are creating and evaluating Innovative Projects? What are great new effective practices that counties have created and implemented that could be of use to other counties or communities?
- How are counties spreading the word about successes, lessons learned, how-to suggestions, etc.? What support can we (someone) provide to help spread the word and encourage adoption of new improved practices?
- How can the discovery and learning from the Innovation component merge with other things we're discovering and learning, such as the California Reducing Disparities Project practices, practices developed through California Institute for Behavioral Health Services learning communities, California Mental Health Service Act (CALMHSA) programs, innovations from other fields (such as technology, data-driven decision tools, social media, physical healthcare, etc.)? Let's merge these streams and maximize the benefits!
- How can we make the resources developed through Innovative Projects (etc.) available to everyone who can use them? (See Resource Center task force.)

**The task for the April 8, 2015 meeting is to compile a list of Service Committee members who have an interest, time and skills to devote to serving on the workgroup. Volunteers will then be contacted via Doodle to determine the date and time for the first meeting that works for the majority of the participants.**