



# REMHDCO

Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition

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Victor Carrion, MD  
Chair  
Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission  
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Dear Dr. Carrion,

First congratulations again on your election to Chair of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC). The Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition (REMHDCO) looks forward to attending MHSOAC meetings under your leadership which we believe will lead to increased collaboration and partnership with the communities of California.

The agenda for the MHSOAC meeting of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 was posted today and we noted that report recently released by the Little Hoover Commission (LHC) entitled "Promises Still to Keep: A Decade of the Mental Health Service Act" is on that meeting's agenda.

We applaud this being put on this meeting's agenda but we hope that the entire report will be reviewed in depth *in collaboration with mental health stakeholders (both government and community)* before any recommendations made by the LHC are adopted or rejected. We believe this would be difficult to take place in the thirty minutes on the agenda allotted for this item.

We recommend the MHSOAC consider creating a special work group or to refer this report to one or more of your committees for in-depth analysis and opportunity for robust public comment. The Little Hoover Commission has a stellar reputation for comprehensive, non-partisan, independent reports. The contents of the report should be taken seriously and we look forward to participating in the first of what we hope will be other MHSOAC or committee meetings that include robust participation by all stakeholders.

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Sincerely,

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