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Victor Carrion, MD, Chair
Mental Health Oversight & Accountability Commission
1325 J Street, Suite 1700
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Carrion and MHOAC members:

We are writing to provide some brief comments on the MHOAC staff overview of the Little Hoover Commission's report on Proposition 63.

As you know, there already exists publicly available data showing how MHSA-funded services improve the lives of Californians with serious mental illness while reducing impacts on criminal justice, healthcare and other social services. The problem has been that no one has communicated publicly the conclusions from this data to either policy makers or the public.

In the coming weeks, the Institute, working with the CBHDA and the OAC, if it wishes, plans to publish extensive data on full service partnerships and other aspects of the Act. While we are looking forward to working with the Commission on its work relative to the Little Hoover Commission recommendations, we feel strongly that publicly communicating the available data to assure confidence in the MHSA should be the first priority. All of the other recommendations to improve the working relationships of the state, counties and providers should trail this existential imperative to report all that we have to the public.

The Steinberg Institute looks forward to forging a new and dynamic relationship with the MHOAC, the counties and all organizations whose commitment is to serve those most in need in California.

Sincerely,



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