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# AGENDA ITEM 14A

Action

May 28, 2015 Commission Meeting

Client Stakeholder Contract

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**Summary:** The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute a one year client stakeholder contract in an amount not to exceed \$547,950.

As part of the Governor's fiscal year 2012/13 reorganization plan, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) was eliminated and several stakeholder contracts were transferred to the MHSOAC. Historically, client stakeholder contracts were designed to facilitate an inclusive and educated stakeholder process at the local and state level.

In 2012, the Commission conducted a Request for Proposals to establish a contract for client stakeholder advocacy. After three years, that contract expired earlier this year.

This proposed client stakeholder contract is intended to provide funding to support a statewide network of consumers who will conduct trainings, outreach and advocacy to strengthen state and local community planning processes, share resources, support MHSOAC community outreach efforts, and provide technical assistance to the MHSOAC. This contract is proposed for a period of approximately one year, ending no later than June 30, 2016, to allow the Commission to assess lessons learned from prior investments in stakeholder advocacy contracts. Prior to the end date of this contract, staff will provide the Commission with a proposal to address the ongoing need for stakeholder advocacy.

**Enclosures:** Outline for the Client Stakeholder Contract.

**Handout:** A PowerPoint will be provided at the Commission meeting.

**Recommended Action:** Authorize the Executive Director to enter into the proposed contract.

**Presenter:** Toby Ewing, PhD, Executive Director.

**Proposed Motion:** The MHSOAC authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a one year contract with California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations for an amount not to exceed \$547,950 to ensure consumer advocacy and representation on relevant mental health issues and concerns.