
AGENDA ITEM 3

Action

March 24, 2016 Commission Meeting

Amend the Rules of Procedure (First Read)

Summary: A proposed amendment to the Rules of Procedure will be considered, as a first read, by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission). The amendment will add a new rule authorizing the Executive Director, or his or her designee, to approve a County's request for additional funding for an Innovation Project that was previously approved.

Background: In January 2010, the Commission voted to delegate to the Executive Director authority to approve county requests for additional funding for Innovation projects that had been approved by the Commission. Consistent with the OAC's goal of transparency, the Commission will consider renewing the delegated authority and including it in the Rules of Procedure.

A County's Innovation plan that is presented to the Commission provides an estimated budget for the entire length of the Innovation project. During the length of the project sometimes there are unforeseen circumstances or cost increases that may require a revised budget. The delegated authority is an administrative procedure that allows for a timely and efficient approval of an augmentation of Mental Health Services Funds for a county to expend on an Innovation project that has been previously approved.

Rule 2.6 would be inserted on page 9 of the current Rules of Procedure as part of the chapter containing the duties of the Executive Director.

The proposed Rule 2.6 reads as follows:

The Executive Director, or his or her designee, is authorized to approve a county's request to expend additional Mental Health Services funding in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 or 15% of the total project, whichever is less, for an Innovation project that has been previously approved.

Presenter: Filomena Yeroshek, Chief Counsel

Enclosures: Rules of Procedure as last amended in January 2016

Handout: None

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed Rule 2.6 at the April Commission meeting in accordance with the Commission's First and Second Read procedure.