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DATE OF MEETING: 2/21/08

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DATE MATERIAL PREPARED: 1/31/08

AGENDA ITEM: State-Administered Projects: Administration Issues

- ENCLOSURES:**
- Implementation Strategies: Workforce Education and Training Recommendations for Collaborative (State/Regional Level) Programs, dated 1/16/08
 - Prevention and Early Intervention State-Administered Projects, dated 2/8/08

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: Additional materials, if available, will be distributed at the meeting

ISSUE:

For several meetings Staff have been bringing information to you about state-administered projects and the incredible amount of work being done to determine how best to administer them so they can be implemented in a timely and efficient manner. Despite best intentions, little progress has been made on the actual implementation of any state-administered projects. The Commission has been particularly interested in seeing the Student Mental Health Initiative get off the ground. This cannot happen until these issues get resolved.

MHSOAC staff have been meeting with staff from DMH and CMHDA regarding statewide projects for Workforce Education and Training and state-administered projects for Prevention and Early Intervention. Enclosed for your information is the document, "Implementation Strategies: Workforce Education and Training Recommendations for Collaborative (State/Regional Level) Programs," dated 1/16/08. Also enclosed is the document, Prevention and Early Intervention State-Administered Projects, dated 2/8/08. These two documents list the amounts of MHSA funds that have been set aside for state-administered projects.

Each of the state-administered projects is on a different timeline. For example, the Student Mental Health Initiative has already been developed through a comprehensive process involving stakeholders. In addition, workgroups were established to help develop the MHSOAC Stigma and Discrimination recommendations and the suicide prevention recommendations. There will be an opportunity for each of the PEI state-administered projects to receive public comment.

Possible Discussion Questions:

- Consider whether or not all possible avenues for administration of State-administered projects have been evaluated
- Consider how long proposed state-administered projects have been on hold pending resolution of administration issues
- Consider whether or not the Commission wants to take any action to move this process forward
- Consider whether or not there is any benefit from prioritizing certain projects or taking different administrative approaches with different projects