

MHSOAC Government Partners Report

MHSOAC Commissioners at
January 11 meeting-
Wesley Chesbro
Eduardo Vega

Agenda in commissioner binders and available as handout to public

- This is not intended to be a comprehensive report about the Government Partners meeting.
- Meant to highlight discussion items of special relevance to the MHSOAC

Complaints and Investigations Process

- Mike Borrunda (DMH) leading development of a draft complaints and investigations process for DMH with input from partners and stakeholders
- Related issue for MHSOAC- clarifying Section 10, Part 3.7, 5845 (d) (7) of MHSA- “If the Commission identifies a critical issue related to the performance of a county mental health program, it may refer the issue to the Department of Mental Health pursuant to Section 5655.” Rules of procedure regarding this mandate will be developed with Commissioners in March '08.

Stakeholder Participation Issues

- Even though the purpose of Government Partners is coordination and not policy making, in response to continuing concerns on the part of stakeholders, consumers and families, there is now widespread agreement that the Government Partners process needs to be more transparent and inclusive.
- DMH taking lead on organizing stakeholder meeting(s) for the public for the purpose of discussing public participation, outcomes for stakeholder meetings.
- Discussion also happening regarding stakeholder participation at Government Partner meetings.
- Related issue for MHSOAC- having Commissioners in client and family seats as representatives to Government Partners meetings.

County and State Administered Projects

- CMHDA proposed alternative strategies to administer statewide programs- see handout
- Overarching goal- identify method for administering statewide projects which will increase cost effectiveness, facilitate the dissemination of best practices, and result in the most timely implementation of the statewide project.
- Related issue for MHSOAC- will impact implementation of Student Mental Health Initiative (for example)

Evaluation Coordination Workgroup

- First meeting scheduled for January 22
- DMH, CMHPC, MHSOAC proposing Evaluation Coordination Workgroup to accomplish the goals they share in addressing the problem of duplication of responsibilities for outcomes and accountability.
- “Meet and Recommend” model
- Related issue for MHSOAC- can expect future reports in this area.

Closing Comments

- Wes Chesbro, Eduardo Vega
- Suggestion to have the two Commissioners attending the Government Partners meetings consist of Commissioners who are sitting in client and family member seats on the MHISOAC.