



**CULTURAL & LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE  
TECHNICAL RESOURCE GROUP**

**April 23, 2008  
Bakersfield, California**

**Minutes**

**Committee Members:** Chair, Linford Gayle  
Kelvin Lee, Jo Ann Johnson, Stacie Hiramoto, Rachel Guerrero, Gaines Lyons, Andie Martinez

**OAC Staff:** Earl Green, Beverly Whitcomb, Wanda Kato, Greg Griffin, Cynthia Craft

**Attendees:** Dr. C. Rocco Cheng, Delphine Brody

**Teleconference Participant(s):** Arnulfo Medina

Discussion Topics	Highlights	Next Steps	Person(s) responsible	Timeline
<u>Chair and co-Chair positions</u>	CLCTRG Chair and co-Chair positions were discussed. Currently, Linford Gayle is the Chairperson. The co-Chair position is vacant. Per discussion, the Chair and co-Chair positions must be Commissioners. The question was raised as to whether the Chair of the MHSOAC can also be the Chair of the CLCTRG?	This issue was moved forward for discussion at the May 2008 MHSOAC Commissioners meeting.	Sheri Whitt Earl Green to schedule conference call with Sheri, Linford and Kelvin	May 2008 MHSOAC meeting Sacramento

<p><u>Membership Recruitment</u></p>	<p>Membership and recruitment for membership on the CLCTRG was discussed. Stacie Hiramoto, presented “talking points” on outreach and recruitment efforts, need to address gaps in CLCTRG, what are the rules of attendance and process for filling vacancies.</p> <p>Suggestion was made to follow the MHSOAC model as a framework for continued discussion.</p> <p>Also discussed was the original membership of the CLCTRG and that the original membership was “grandfathered in” without an application form.</p> <p>Recommendation was made for membership applications to be reviewed and recommendations made AFTER the process for membership has been completed.</p>	<p>OAC staff to contact the CLCTRG sub-committee created to examine outreach and recruitment for CLCTRG membership.</p> <p>Issues to follow up on:  Attendance guidelines  Community composition  Total number of members  Membership expectations and responsibilities</p>	<p>Earl Green/Stacie Hiramoto and sub-committee</p>	<p>May '08 CLCTRG meeting in Sacramento</p>
<p><u>Hosting of CLCTRG Meetings</u></p>	<p>Continued discussion on having local “host” communities for CLCTRG meetings. Rachel Guerrero, Chief, Office of Multicultural Services (DMH) presented to CLCTRG several discussion items on this subject:  Suggested changing hosting to community engagement  Pre-presentation preparation e.g.; Hmong community presentation in Fresno  Need to know what goals and objectives are to be accomplished from presentation  Establish a work plan  Include local CMHD’s</p>	<p>Draft work plan draft for hosting CLCTRG meetings</p>	<p>Earl</p>	<p>May '08 CLCTRG meeting in Sacramento</p>

<p><u>Reducing Disparities</u></p>	<p>Considerable discussion revolved around the terms unserved, underserved and inappropriately served as presented in the work plan and that the CLCTRG should take the lead in these discussions.</p> <p>The use of these terms and the attention to reducing disparities is very politically and emotionally charged. It was suggested that this is not about a definition, rather it is a continuing discussion on the issue of reducing disparities and that these discussions will require an open and honest dialogue about the intent of the MHSA.</p> <p>Strategies are needed to define the use of language relative to unserved, underserved and inappropriately served communities.</p> <p>Further discussion among CLCTRG members will be needed regarding defining disparities and reducing disparities.</p>	<p>Rachel Guerrero will draft a position paper/statement on the chronology of the terms unserved, undeserved and inappropriately served. Paper will also address inclusion of this language to justify mental health need, access to services and funding requests.</p>	<p>Earl Green to follow up with Rachel Guerrero</p>	<p>May '08 CLCTRG meeting in Sacramento</p>
<p><u>Native American Presentation</u></p>	<p>Follow up letter from Connie Reitman-Solas, Executive Director, Inter-Tribal Council of California was acknowledged.</p>	<p>Need to follow up with her willingness to meet with the CLCTRG.</p>	<p>Earl Green</p>	<p>May '08 CLCTRG meeting in Sacramento</p>

New Business:	Brief discussion on the Statewide Clients and Family Member Technical Assistance Center funded through WET. Concerns stated by CLCTRG member indicated that the RFP lacked cultural and linguistic diversity language.	Include in May '08 agenda as an item for further discussion	Earl Green Stacie Hiramoto	May '08 CLCTRG meeting in Sacramento
Meeting Adjourned	4:55 PM			