



*The State's Voice on Mental Illness*

DATE: May 20, 2008  
MEMO TO: MHSOAC  
FROM: NAMI CALIFORNIA  
SUBJECT: REQUESTING CHANGE IN COMMISSION VOTING PROCESS

To promote more extensive collaboration between the MHSOAC Partners (Government and Community) and to accommodate informed decision making by the MHSOAC, we are requesting the following changes in the Commission voting process, to be effective as of the MHSOAC Sacramento Meeting, May 29, 2008:

- Any proposal requiring the vote of the MHSOAC must be available for public review at least 30 days prior to the scheduled vote.
- Before any actionable issue is presented to the MHSOAC, there should be discussion among stakeholders (both government AND the mental health community) in an attempt to reach a consensus.
- The MHSOAC should not vote on issues about which there is no consensus between the government and community partners, unless there is an emergency.

Thank you for your consideration of these requested changes.

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