



MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING Draft Charter Language

(Language taken from the proposed committee charters)

Purpose:

To ensure compliance with the MHSA, Part 3.7, Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 5845; and Section 15, Part 4.5

Outcome:

- Ensure approved MHSA expenditures are funded
- Ensure MHSA funds are spent according to the intent of the Act and will achieve expected outcomes
- Make fiscal recommendations to the MHSOAC regarding funding for the purpose of furthering transformation of the mental health system

When completing the work of the committee and when making policy or strategy recommendations to the MHSOAC, each committee should carefully consider if the recommendations meet the following criteria:

1. Culturally and Linguistically competent
2. Likely to promote a client/family/parent driven system
3. Likely to reduce stigma and discrimination
4. Fully informed via a robust stakeholder process

(Language taken from the MHSOAC Draft Strategic Plan)

Role and Responsibilities:

1. Report to Commission in October regarding:
 - Request for Commission to report out lessons learned and make fiscal recommendations to the Governor and/or Legislature related to actions the state may take to improve care and services for people with mental illness from a funding perspective.
 - Recommendations related to tracking mental health services funds and the expenditure of those funds on a state and local level.
 - Will also report out about “lessons learned” including content related to the degree to which funding is being effectively and efficiently used to further the intent and purpose of the Mental Health Services Act.
2. Will develop strategies for determining when counties are receiving all necessary funds for services to severely mentally ill persons and have

established prudent reserves and there are additional revenues available in the Fund for the purpose of alerting the Commission and its partners that there is an opportunity to increase the statewide allocation for Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funding.

3. Should the circumstance arrive in which there are additional revenues available in the Mental Health Services Act fund after the Commission has determined there are prudent reserves and no unmet needs for any of the funded programs, including all purposes of PEI, the committee shall make recommendations to the Commission regarding a plan for expenditures of such revenues to further the purposes of the Act and the Legislature may appropriate such funds for any purpose consistent with the Commission's adopted plan which furthers the purposes of the Act.
4. At any time, advise the Governor or the Legislature regarding actions the state may take to improve care and services for people with mental illness.
5. 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. MHSA, 5845 (d) 4-7
6. The statewide allocation for Prevention and Early Intervention may be increased whenever the Oversight and Accountability Commission determines that all counties are receiving all necessary funds for services to severely mentally ill persons and have established prudent reserves and there are additional revenues available in the fund. MHSA, 5892, a (4)
7. If there are still additional revenues available in the fund after the Oversight and Accountability Commission has determined there are prudent reserves and no unmet needs for any of the programs funded pursuant to this Section, including all purposes of the Prevention and Early Intervention Program, the Commission shall develop a plan for expenditures of such revenues to further the purposes of this Act and the Legislature may appropriate such funds for any purpose consistent with the Commission's adopted plan which furthers the purposes of this act. MHSA, 5892, i.