



## MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING Charter Language

### **Purpose:**

To ensure that all MHSOAC funds are “expended in the most cost effective manner and services are provided in accordance with recommended best practices subject to local and state oversight to ensure accountability to taxpayers and to the public.” [MHSOAC: Sec. 3 - Purpose and Intent:(e)].

### **Objectives:**

- Ensure that all MHSOAC-approved funds are distributed in a timely manner
- Ensure that all MHSOAC funds are expended in accordance with the intent of the Act, and that they contribute to the identified outcomes of the Act as stated in Sec. 3, -- Purpose and Intent is as follows:
  - (b) To reduce the long-term adverse impact on individuals, families and state and local budgets resulting from untreated serious mental illness.
  - (c) To expand the kinds of successful, innovative service programs for children, adults and seniors begun in California, including culturally and linguistically competent approaches for underserved populations.
  - (d) To provide state and local funds to adequately meet the needs of all children and adults who can be identified and enrolled in programs under this measure.
- Ensure that MHSOAC members receive continuing education about the financial health and fiscal context of the public mental health system
- Make fiscal recommendations to the MHSOAC that support the integration of MHSOAC principles and services throughout the public mental health system
- Solicit and distribute information which will assist the MHSOAC, DMH, counties and stakeholders in making better informed, and more transparent, fiscal decisions
- Make recommendations on the budget for the MHSOAC

### **Guiding Principles**

Committee policy and strategy recommendations to the MHSOAC should reflect and strive to address the following MHSOAC-identified priorities:

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
5. Best Practices and continuous improvement

### **2009 Activities**

1. Present an overview of the MH System funding. Include discussion on current issues, MH funding before and after MHSOAC, the role of MHSOAC in MH program funding and flexibility -- January 2009

2. Present letter to Governor/Legislature on MHSAC funding for MHSOAC adoption – January 2009
3. Develop Financial Status report format & schedule for MHSOAC adoption -- February 2009
4. Inform FY 09-10 State budget debate -- Ongoing

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