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INNOVATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN **DRAFT OCTOBER 2006**

1. OVERVIEW.

Over a period of approximately four months, the Innovation Committee will build the foundation for fulfilling long-term goals and developing standards for funding innovative programs. The immediate objective of the Committee is to produce recommendations for funding priorities and create an operating structure to carry out future tasks. The structure should facilitate the development of consistent, clear criteria to identify appropriate programs, standards to ensure integration with systems of care and compliance with the Act, and guidelines to evaluate results and utilize the knowledge and advances gained from innovative programs.

The foundation for success must include: productive relationships with public and diverse private interests; a base of knowledge in which to ground policymaking; and broad-based support for recommended funding priorities. The Innovation Committee will work to complete its tasks in January 2007. Subsequently, and consistent with future decisions of the Committee as to its structure, a workgroup may be formed to coordinate with MHSOAC staff and Commissioners, focusing on implementation of innovative programs and services within integrated systems as called for by the MHSA.

2. TASKS.

The Innovation Committee will:

- Deliberate the broad issues to be considered in establishing priorities for funding innovative services;
- Establish clear definitions that will ensure a mutual understanding of terms to guide decision-making;
- Conduct outreach to traditional and non-traditional stakeholders to survey community experiences and knowledge that will inform decisions;
- Compile research and baseline information to understand innovation needs at the state and local level and among different populations and age groups, and to support recommended funding priorities.
- Collaborate with the Department of Mental Health and the California Mental Health Directors Association;
- Recommend policy and funding priorities;
- Create communitywide resources to support policymaking, collaborative agreements, and a context for policymakers and future workgroups;

- Create a process to ensure that future workgroups are prepared to develop criteria to determine funding eligibility for a program, and then develop standards and guidelines to determine whether a program is meeting its specific objectives and the larger goals of the MHSA.

3. PROCESS/RESOURCES

The process of developing priorities and establishing a foundation for future activities will necessitate coordination with other public and private agencies. Staff will initiate necessary meetings, keep Committee members informed, and solicit input and participation in such meetings. The process also requires a survey of available research and public input as described above. The Committee will need to work with staff to identify and coordinate participation. Staff resources are necessary to facilitate communications, produce working material and research, and conduct meetings.

4. TIMETABLE

October 10, 2006 – Innovation Committee Meeting (CIMH)

1. Committee members will develop a strategy for meeting the short-term goals of setting priorities, and creating an operating structure and lasting resources and identifying the parties responsible for coordinating those strategies. The Strategies will include, but may not be limited to:
 - Soliciting testimony, reports, and recommendations from informed community sources regarding innovation needs
 - Compiling research to identify innovation needs
2. Committee members will discuss and reach agreement on a definition of “Innovation” and a statement on the purpose of innovation.
3. Commissioners and staff will brief Committee members on activities of collaborative partners in state and local agencies, and report on status of Prevention/Early Intervention and Community Supports and Services planning.

October, 2006 – Innovation Committee Meeting (Sacramento Commission Meeting)

1. Committee members will engage in a public dialogue to discuss policy and funding priorities and communicate the parameters of “Innovation.”
2. Public participants will be encouraged to provide written material to build Commission resources.

October, 2006 Committee Meeting – November, 2006 Committee Meeting

1. Committee members may individually evaluate and/or summarize perspective gained from the October, 2006 Committee meeting
2. Staff will prepare a reference document
3. Material from Committee members, public participants, and staff will be distributed to all Committee members for discussion at the November, 2006 Committee meeting.
4. Material from Committee members, public participants and staff will also be posted as technological resources allow.

November, 2006 Committee Meeting

1. Committee members will evaluate conclusions and recommendations from all committee members, drawing upon materials from Committee members, public participants, and staff.
2. Committee members will develop a draft of Innovative Program Priorities that will describe:
 - The parameters of innovation proposed by the Committee
 - The priorities for the use of innovation funding
 - How the priorities fit within the parameters of innovation proposed by the committee
 - How the priorities align with Prevention/Early Intervention and Community Supports and Services planning.

November, 2006 Meeting – January, 2007 Meeting

1. Task groups will meet to produce necessary materials, with staff assistance
2. Necessary materials will be distributed among Committee members
3. Committee chairs and staff will synthesize recommendations and develop an agenda for final review, discussion and approval by the Innovation Committee
4. Committee chairs and staff will ensure collaboration with implementation partners.

January, 2007 Innovation Committee Meeting

1. The Innovation Committee will review, discuss and approve a final draft of Innovative Program Priorities

February 2007 Commission Meeting

1. Innovation Committee chairs will present the draft of the recommended Innovative Program Priorities to the Mental Health Services Act Oversight and Accountability Commission for consideration