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To: Interested Parties
From: Ann Arneill-Py, PhD
Executive Officer
Subject: Public Notice: Performance Indicator Proposal for the
Mental Health Services Act
Date: October 14, 2009
Time: 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Place: Lake Natoma Inn
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Providing for accountability and the ability to conduct continuous quality improvement activities are two priorities of stakeholders in the public mental health system. These activities require that there are a set of performance indicators available to measure performance. In particular, stakeholders want to measure the performance of the Mental Health Services Act, which was established to transform the public mental health system into a recovery-based, client-driven, culturally competent set of mental health services. Accountability to the vision of transformation requires that performance indicators be developed to measure progress in ameliorating the negative outcomes of mental illness (e.g., suicide, homelessness, incarceration, etc.) and achieving outcomes specified in statute for the adult system of care and the children's system of care. However, a complete set of performance indicators has not been articulated so far. The purpose of this proposal is to recommend a set of performance indicators to be used to measure the performance of the Mental Health Services Act at the state, county, and community levels to be used for planning and quality improvement purposes.

The California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) is making this proposal because of its statutory role in performance evaluation. Pursuant to Section 5772(c)(1) of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), it is responsible for reviewing and approving performance indicators. In addition, pursuant to Section 5772(c)(2) of the WIC, it is responsible for reviewing the performance of mental health programs based on performance outcome data and other reports from the State Department of Mental Health. Pursuant to Section 5848(d) of the WIC, it is also responsible to review performance of Community Services and Supports programs.

The CMHPC is seeking public comment on this proposal. A meeting to obtain public comment is being held at the above date and time. Conference call capability is available. A written copy of the public comment is desirable. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Arneill-Py, PhD, Executive Officer, at (916) 651-3803 or by email at Ann.Arneill-Py@dmh.ca.gov.

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