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**California Strategic Plan on Reducing
Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination**

Public Workshops

The Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) and California Department of Mental Health (DMH) are pleased to invite you to participate in a public workshop to provide input on the draft *California Strategic Plan on Reducing Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination*.

The MHSOAC and DMH are working to develop a statewide ten-year plan by spring 2009 for reducing mental health stigma and discrimination.

DMH recruited a group of diverse individuals representing various constituency organizations throughout California to participate in an Advisory Committee. The Committee has produced a draft plan containing preliminary recommendations that DMH and MHSOAC will consider in the development of the strategic plan.

Please see the attached flyer for details regarding locations and registration to attend one of the draft *California Strategic Plan on Reducing Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination* public workshops. The first workshop is on March 17 in Emeryville, California, and the second workshop is on March 19 in Santa Ana, California.

We look forward to having an opportunity to hear from you at one of the workshops.

Sincerely,


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