

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) Stakeholders Meeting Overview
Department of Mental Health (DMH)
December 17, 2004
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Elks Club, 6446 Riverside Boulevard
Sacramento

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) also known as Proposition 63. It is essential to DMH and the mental health community that MHSA implementation strategies and programs are well thought out and contribute to the transformation of our public mental health system to a more accessible, responsible, accountable program driven by outcomes and what works.

Meeting Focus – December 17, 2004

DMH expects this stakeholders meeting to be one in a series of meetings and other strategies planned to obtain input from those with an interest in the implementation of the MHSA. The focus of this particular meeting is to review draft MHSA plans, MHSA vision statement and requirements for county requests for local MHSA planning activities.

Specifically the objective of this meeting is to obtain input from stakeholders on:

1. Initial draft strategies to implement the MHSA.
2. The following DRAFT documents related to MHSA:
 - [Vision Statement \(Attachment B\)](#)
 - [Required Contents, County Requests for Funding for MHSA Planning, Systems of Care Services Component \(Attachment C\)](#)
 - [Principles to be used in determining county allocation amounts for MHSA local planning \(Attachment E: **to be posted on DMH website by December 14, 2004**\)](#)
 - [DRAFT Workplan Components \(Attachment F\)](#)
 - The design of the ongoing DMH MHSA stakeholder process.

The documents to be reviewed were sent by mail to interested parties earlier this month. Copies will also be available at the meeting. Please note that the previously posted [Attachment D, entitled "Draft County Readiness Self-assessment for implementation of the MHSA, Systems of Care Services Component"](#), will be discussed at a later date.

Planning for a Successful Meeting

DMH expects a large turnout of people on December 17th. It is in the best interests of us all to make maximum use of the time for helpful discussion. Consider the following tips:

- Read the materials that will be discussed before you come to the meeting.
- Be prepared for the meeting to start and end on time. Allow ample time to register and, for those with lunch reservations, to pay for your lunch in advance of the meeting.
- In order for all to have an opportunity to speak, time limits on speakers may need to be set. Your cooperation with keeping comments on target and within required time limits will help everyone.
- Speakers should try not to repeat points that have already been made in an earlier discussion by a previous speaker.
- A summary of comments from the meeting will be available on the DMH website by December 20, 2004.
- After the meeting you may contribute additional comments by mail or by email.

Send email to: MHSA@dmh.ca.gov

Send correspondence to:

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Systems of Care
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- Whether you have reserved a paid lunch** or you plan to “brown bag” lunch, please be sure to stay within the time limits set for the lunch break.
- Because there is so much to accomplish, breaks are not planned into the meeting agenda. If you need to, leave quietly during the meeting to take care of personal needs and other business.
- The Elks Club is a wheelchair-accessible facility.

If you want to participate in the buffet lunch, you must RSVP to Charlene Kessler at 916-654-5691 or email her at Charlene.Kessler@dmh.ca.gov **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 2004. The cost of the buffet lunch is \$10 and must be paid in cash the day of the meeting.