FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2014 Charter

Purpose:
To provide the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) reports, proposed policies and recommendations regarding anticipated Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) revenue cycles, as well as strategies and roadmaps to expand services by timely expenditure and leveraging of MHSA funds.

Objectives:
1. Develop Financial Projections:
   - Revenue projections for the entire Public Mental Health System, updated as follows:
     - State budget proposal
     - May Revise
     - Budget Adoption
     - Mid-year adjustments

2. Determine timely use, account balance, and Prudent Reserves of MHSA funds
   1. Community Services & Supports
   2. Prevention & Early intervention
   3. Capital Facilities & Information Technology
   4. Workforce Education and Training
   5. Innovation
   6. Statewide programs

Guiding Principles:
Committee policy and strategy recommendations to the MHSOAC should reflect and strive to address the following priorities:
1. Data and analysis driven
2. Proactively identify and address opportunities and challenges
3. Culturally and linguistically competent
4. Promotes a client/family/parent driven system
5. Reduces stigma and discrimination
6. Fully informed via a robust stakeholder process
7. Best Practices and continuous improvement
8. Emphasize the inclusion of all ages across the life-span
9. Aims to reduce mental health disparities and seeks solutions for historically unserved and underserved communities in California
10. Recognizes the importance of cultural communities and families of choice

Activities:

1. Produce semiannual financial reports of community mental health system (January and May)
   a. Monitor volatility of the Mental Health Services Act Fund
   b. Review and report on the Mental Health Services Act State Administration Fund and how entities are expending these funds
   c. Monitor and analyze county fiscal reports, which include MHSA, Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation (FFP), 1991 Realignment, and Behavioral Subaccount funds spent on MHSA programs
   d. Monitor statewide PEI expenditures
   e. Monitor funding and use of local prudent reserves
   f. Monitor DHCS implementation of reversion policies and practices
2. Work with the Department of Finance and the MHSOAC fiscal consultant on projections of the fund condition
3. Review fiscal data and analyses for policy implications
4. Monitor the status of California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA expenditures
5. Review DHCS supports for training and technical assistance through CiMH
6. Annually review and revise policies based on financial data and analyses and develop an analytical process to review the following as a method for Financial Oversight
   a. Annual Update
   b. Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report (ARER)
   c. Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan
7. Receive reports regarding “roles and responsibility discussions” between entities who have shared financial oversight of MHSA funds. Prepare recommendations to the Commission should additional financial oversight action be required
8. Receive regular updates on MHSOAC evaluation efforts, analyze for fiscal findings, and make plans to act on those findings that are relevant to Committee purpose and objectives. Provide input on MHSOAC evaluation efforts as needed
   a. Communicate lessons learned and best practices from evaluations to improve programs and policy as part of quality improvement feedback.
9. Expand and diversify the methods by which the MHSOAC receives input from people with lived experience of mental illness.
   a. Determine strategies to expand and diversify participation in MHSOAC and Committee meetings to the fullest extent.
   b. Suggest strategies to expand methods by which people with lived experience can provide input (in person, online, written, other).
**Date** | January 2014  
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