
AGENDA ITEM 12

Information

January 28, 2016 Commission Meeting

Committee Proposal for 2016

Summary: Commission staff will work with each Committee chair to convene the Committees in February or March and develop a work plan for 2016. Staff will bring the work plans to the Commission for adoption as early as its February meeting.

Background: The Commission has five Committees, which have been convened only intermittently over the past quarter. Workload, staff turnover and vacancies have inhibited the Commission from fully leveraging the Committees to further the goals of the Commission.

Staff intends to convene each Committee to explore operational issues, such as lessons learned from the prior year, opportunities to better integrate the work of the Committees with other Commission activities, and strategies to expand participation in Commission meetings and other activities.

Additionally, staff will explore opportunities to leverage the expertise of Committee members as follows:

Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC): As the Commission identifies policy research projects that it will pursue, the CFLC will be an important contributor to those projects. Staff will work with the CFLC to explore additional priorities for the Commission's consideration.

Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee (CLCC): Similar to the CFLC, as the Commission identifies policy research projects that it will pursue, the CLCC also will be an important contributor to those projects. Staff will work with the CLCC to explore priorities, in addition to those projects, for the Commission's consideration, such as training, outreach or other activities.

Evaluation Committee: The Commission is reviewing opportunities to strengthen its research and evaluation strategy. The Evaluation Committee provides a forum to better understand ways to leverage the Commission's authority,

funding and staff capacity to document outcomes and drive quality throughout California's mental health system.

Financial Oversight Committee: The Commission is working to develop web-based tools to create fiscal transparency for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds on priorities identified by the Committee. The Financial Oversight Committee can help the Commission explore the utility of these tools, beta-test where appropriate, and guide and support the Commission's progress in documenting key fiscal issues and trends with MHSA and related funding.

Services Committee: The Services Committee also should be involved in the Commission's policy research projects, as those projects largely focus on access to services and the quality of those services. In coordination with the chair, staff will work with the Committee to propose ways to make more effective use of the Committee.

Staff will put on the Commission's agenda, in February or March, a report out and recommendations for 2016 Committee work plans for the Commission's consideration.

Presenter: Toby Ewing, Executive Director

Enclosures: None

Handout: None

Recommended Action: Information item only.