
AGENDA ITEM 5

Action

February 25, 2016 Commission Meeting

Request to Authorize the MHSOAC Executive Director to Execute Contracts

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) will consider authorizing the Executive Director to execute two short term stakeholder contracts for the Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition (REMHDCO) and the California Association of Veterans Services Agencies (CAVSA).

The fiscal year 2015/16 Budget Act included in the Commission's budget an additional one million dollars, to support mental health advocacy on behalf of transition age youth, veterans and racial and ethnic minorities.

The contract for REMHDCO is intended to provide short term funding to the Mental Health Association of California to support their work with, and on behalf of, racial and ethnic communities through REMHDCO. The contract for CAVSA is intended to provide short term funding to support their work with, and on behalf of, veterans with unmet needs.

The proposed contracts are to support local and statewide training, outreach, and advocacy. Contracts are short term to allow the Commission to address the gap in, and ongoing need for, stakeholder advocacy among these populations.

Enclosures: Proposed Outline for the Stakeholder Contracts.

Handout: A PowerPoint will be presented at the meeting.

Presenter: Angela Brand, Staff

Recommended Action: Authorize the Executive Director to enter into the proposed contracts.

Proposed Motion:

- (1) The MHSOAC authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Mental Health Association of California, on behalf of the Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition (REMHDCO) for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
- (2) The MHSOAC authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the California Association of Veterans Service Agencies for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.