
AGENDA ITEM 2

Action

January 28, 2016 Commission Meeting

Amend the Rules of Procedure: Legislation Authority (First Read)

Summary: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (OAC or Commission) will consider, as a first read, a proposed amendment to the Rules of Procedure to add a new rule authorizing the Executive Director, or his or her designee, to engage in legislative discussions on behalf of the Commission.

Background: The Commission's Rules of Procedure, which were adopted in 2009 and amended in 2010, 2011, and 2012 do not provide a mechanism or procedure for the Commission to engage in discussions regarding legislation other than during a regularly scheduled Commission meeting. This can cause a challenge in providing timely input on legislation. The proposed new Rule 2.5 would create some flexibility so the Commission through its Executive Director can provide timely input on legislation.

Rule 2.5 would be inserted on page 9 of the current Rules of Procedure as part of Chapter 2, the chapter that relates to the duties of the Executive Director. The proposed Rule 2.5 reads as follows:

The Executive Director, or a designee, is authorized on behalf of the MHSOAC to advocate on legislation (1) when the legislation is consistent with an officially approved position of the Commission; or (2) at the direction of the Chair of the Commission and when the legislation furthers the interest of the Commission.

Presenter: Filomena Yeroshek, Chief Counsel

Enclosures: Rules of Procedure as last amended in July 2012

Handout: None

Recommended Action: Adopt proposed Rule 2.5 at the February Commission meeting in accordance with the First and Second Read procedure set forth in Rule 4.13 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure.