

Mental Health Community Forum in Los Angeles County



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Dear Mental Health Community in Los Angeles County:

A Community Forum will be held on **October 28, 2017**, to discuss the impact of Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), in Los Angeles County. The Community Forum is sponsored by the California Mental Health Services and Oversight Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), and facilitated by two MHSOAC committees, the Client and Family Leadership Committee and the Cultural and Linguistic Competence Committee.

The Community Forum will be held from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Community Mental Health Information Tables will be available
from 12:20 PM to 1:20 PM

Location:
Los Angeles City College, Student Union
Multi-Purpose Room
855 N. Vermont Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90029
Phone: (323) 953-4000 (Information Only)

Specifically, the MHSOAC is interested in hearing from stakeholders about how MHSA services and supports that were funded as a result of Proposition 63 have made a difference for them, their families or their community. MHSOAC Committee members and staff will facilitate a semi-structured discussion with attending stakeholders designed to elicit feedback and diverse views. Information and stories gleaned through this discussion will be summarized and used to provide feedback to the MHSOAC about how persons have experienced the MHSA in California.

The overarching goal of the forum is to advance MHSOAC communication with the California public and provide opportunities to hear firsthand from stakeholders. Specific goals for the Community Forum include:

1. Provide opportunities for the MHSOAC to hear firsthand from clients, family members and other stakeholders about their experience with the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) in local communities, including what is working and what are the challenges.

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2. Expand public awareness and education about Proposition 63, the MHSA and the MHSOAC.
3. Gather and collect information and stories, positive or negative, about the local experience and impact of the MHSA and inform the MHSOAC.
4. The information gathered at Community Forums will be analyzed, summarized and reported to the Commission.

We look forward to hosting this Community Forum in Los Angeles County and hope to see many stakeholders from Los Angeles there to participate. Everyone is invited and we especially want to encourage clients, transition age youth, older adults, parents and families from diverse backgrounds, LGBTQ individuals, veterans, and other stakeholders, to attend the forum.

Interpreters will be made available upon request. Please contact the MHSOAC at mhsoac@mhsoac.ca.gov or (916) 445-8696 for these requests and provide at least 14 days advance notice to help ensure availability.

Because space is limited, we would appreciate an RSVP if you are planning on attending or attending with a group of participants. Please RSVP to mhsoac@mhsoac.ca.gov or (916) 445-8696 as soon as possible.

If you have questions about the Community Forum, please contact MHSOAC staff at mhsoac@mhsoac.ca.gov or (916) 445-8696.

We look forward to seeing you on October 28, 2017 in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Tina Wooton, Commission Chair
Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

Khatera Aslami, Commissioner
Chair, Client and Family Leadership Committee