

**DHCS Behavioral Health Forum  
Coordinated and Integrated Systems of Care for MHSUDS and  
Medi-Cal Managed Care**

**Integration Forum - Charter**

**Background and Purpose of the Behavioral Health Forum:**

The Behavioral Health Forum provides key stakeholders, and other interested parties, with updates regarding critical policy and programmatic issues impacting public mental health and substance use disorder services (MHSUDS). The Behavioral Health Forum will provide stakeholders with an opportunity to learn about the status of more than 100 program and policy issues identified in the DHCS Business Plan, as well as from other sources, such as the *California Mental Health and Substance Use System Needs Assessment and Service Plan*, which have been organized into a grid format and assigned to four Forums (Strengthen Specialty Mental Health and Drug Medi-Cal County Programs and Delivery Systems; Coordinated and Integrated Systems of Care for MHSUDS and Medical Care; Coordinated and Useful Data Collection, Utilization, and Evaluation of Outcomes; and Simplified and Cost Effective Fiscal Models). Each of these forums will provide DHCS with a venue for updating stakeholders on identified priority areas. These forums will also give stakeholders across the state and interested parties an opportunity to provide input on these priorities. Stakeholder participation will vary depending on the particular topic being addressed by that forum. If appropriate, DHCS will convene workgroups of key stakeholders and subject matter experts to develop recommendations related to specific program and policy issues.

**Integration Forum**

The Integration Forum will specifically address key areas related to the development of a coordinated and integrated system of care for mental health, substance use disorder treatment and physical care.

**Objectives:**

- Identify barriers and possible solutions to coordination and integration of managed care, mental health and substance use disorder services
- Promote and identify best practices and key principles of integrated care throughout the state
- Identify user-friendly mechanisms to disseminate, maintain and update resources and case studies
- Present best service models and delivery systems design to support persons with co-occurring disorders; physical health, mental health and substance use disorder problems
- Identify solutions to workforce development issues around coordinated and integrated care

**FY 2015/2016 Priorities:**

DHCS identified several priority areas (listed in bold below) for the current fiscal year. The bullets listed under each priority area represent those corresponding items from the stakeholder issues grid. These grid items may inform the discussion, recommendations, and/or work plan related to the overarching priority area. However, additional issues and/or requirements (not listed below) may also inform the priority area.

➤ **Best Practices**

- Identifying and supporting best practices and key principles of integrated care (Grid Issue #6)
  - Workforce Development
  - Health Homes
  - Increase DHCS collaboration cross-sector (e.g. Justice System, Education System)
  - Substance Abuse And Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) Mental Health and SUD Block Grant: Needs Assessment and Strategic Initiatives as related to Integration
  - Development of relationships between managed care plans (MCP) and SUD providers and the role of DHCS

➤ **Integration efforts in the 1115 Waiver Renewal Development and Implementation.**

➤ **Screening and Assessments**

- Evaluate the current mental health and substance use disorder screening tools used by both the managed care plans and the Mental Health Plans; ensure routine screening for substance use disorder (including SBIRT) and mental illness.

**Forum Details:**

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