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AGENDA ITEM: Joe Mortz Memorial and Award Overview

ENCLOSURES: *Cover letter for Outreach*
Nomination Sheet
Criteria/ Scoring Sheet (DRAFT)
Definitions/ Glossary (DRAFT)

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

BACKGROUND:

The “Spotlight on Excellence” program was conceived in January 2011 during the strategic planning session in San Diego. Joe Mortz suggested it as a project that met some of the Council’s higher priorities and mandates of recognizing and communicating successful practices to legislators and other interested parties. Joe felt that it would reflect the Council’s commitment to quality, accessibility, and support of community based programs and services over institutions and hospitals. He hoped that the Council’s endorsement of successful practices would assure program directors of the services’ value, and encourage programs to adopt or adapt them to their own programs with confidence.

The Adult System of Care Committee devoted some time and thought to developing the process, writing a cover letter, creating a nomination form, and drafting a scoring sheet (attached) and time line for the project. We would like to modify the documents and proceed with the program as the “Joe Mortz Memorial Spotlight on Excellence Award” as a way to honor his contributions and celebrate his life.

The Process:

If the Council approves, the process would start with the cover letter being mailed and e-mailed widely to Mental Health Boards and Commissions, advocacy groups, MHSA Coordinators, and other interested parties requesting that they forward it through to their constituencies. The DMH had agreed to post the information and forms to the CMHPC website so people could submit information electronically. We have not yet consulted with DHCS to see if this would still be a possibility.

After a two or three month application period, the applications would be reviewed by the scoring committee of Council members that includes one direct consumer, one family member, one advocate, and one service provider, using the scoring sheet (attached) to ensure consistent interpretation of the criteria.

Once the committee had identified the most promising contenders, the committee members could contact the program director to obtain follow up information on program costs, how or if outcomes are measured, and other clarifications. After the follow-up, the committee selects the program(s) they feel best incorporates the principles and practice of excellence.

The selected program receives a letter of congratulations and a copy mailed to the Legislators in that District. The Council will also draft press release detailing the program and its accomplishments.

The Council can periodically send a letter to the Administration and Legislators providing a thumbnail description of the types and locations of the promising or successful programs it has come across as a means of keeping community-based care options in their minds.