



September 27, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 17, 18, & 19, 2012
PLACE: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
2001 Point West Way
Sacramento, California, 95815
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CHAIRPERSON
John Black

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Jane Adcock

The California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) invites you to attend its meeting on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 17-19, 2012 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California, 95815.

The Executive Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning and the Continuous System Improvement, Advocacy, and Health Care Committees will meet at 1:30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe these meetings.

On Thursday morning, the CMHPC will begin the General Session with opening remarks from Sacramento County Supervisor Phil Serna. The Council will have a remembrance of Councilmember Joe Mortz, who passed away in July, followed by an announcement and outline the Joe Mortz Memorial Award. Mid-morning, the Council will discuss and address any outstanding concerns raised by the Planning Council's recent restructuring and revised schedule. There will also be an overview of the Council's recent mandate to form and implement a five-member Patient's Rights Committee, which will advise the Department of Health Care Services and Department of State Hospitals.

Thursday afternoon, Larry Poaster, Ph.D., Chair of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) will update the Council on the MHSOAC activities. Additionally, Susan Burger, from the Department of Managed Health Care Help Center will present on its functions and services to health care consumers. The Council will also hear from Barbara Marquez, MPH, Deputy Director of the Office of Patient Advocate, on how health care plans are rated, followed by an update by Patricia Ryan, Executive Director of the California Mental Health Director's Association on its current activities and concerns.

On Friday, Assemblymember Richard Pan has been invited to provide the opening remarks, and Cary Martin, President of the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions will update the Council on its activities. Vanessa Baird, Deputy Director of the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Division, Department of Health Care Services will address the entire Council on the recent realignment of community mental health services to the Department of Health Care Services. Toby Douglas, Director, Department of Health Care Services has also been invited to speak to the Council. The Council will also hear from Lupe Alonzo-Diaz, Executive Director of the Health Professions Education Foundation of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHDP) and Jon Perez, Ph.D., Regional Administrator for Region IX Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Before adjourning, the General Session will receive Committee Reports and Public Comment.

The CMHPC has scheduled time on the agenda on Thursday at 11:45 a.m., and 4:35 p.m., and on Friday at 11:30 a.m. for public comment on the agenda items or to voice concerns about mental health issues of importance to them. Please complete the attached "Request To Present Comments Before the California Mental Health Planning Council." and submit it to the CMHPC by the start of the General Session if interested in making a comment during these times.

A copy of the agenda is enclosed. Access to this agenda, meeting notice, and "Request To Present" are available on our website <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/mh/Pages/MH-PlanningCouncil.aspx>. If you have any questions or would like to request reasonable accommodations for the meeting, please call Jane Adcock, Executive Officer, at (916) 651-3803. We hope to see you there.

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