



# Draft Transition Plan for the Transfer of Medi-Cal Mental Health Functions

Fourth Series: Stakeholder Meeting  
Department of Health Care Services  
Department of Mental Health  
September 19, 2011

# Welcome and Purpose



# Agenda Review

- Review of the Final Draft Transition Plan
- Next Steps
- Questions and Answers



# Timelines and Updates

- October 1: plan due to legislature
  - Fatal errors: please inform us by September 21
- Remember: October plan is not final
  - Operational steps and milestones
  - Improvements and efficiencies
  - Email address remains operational
  - Stakeholder engagement

# Timelines and Updates

- Bimonthly Updates

- Provide updates every two months beginning November 15, 2011 through May 15, 2012
- Add new items as identified
- Identify completed milestones
- Will keep the door open for additional input



# Most Significant Changes from the Initial Draft Transition Plan



# Reorganization of the Plan

- Moved sections from the main document to the appendices:
  - Overview of Medicaid and Medi-Cal mental health services in California (Appendix A)
  - Summary of administrative functions currently performed by DMH (Appendix B)
- Emphasizes focus on transfer steps and proposed improvements and efficiencies



# Operational Steps, Timelines and Key Milestones for Transfer

- Added to and provided target dates for key milestones. Examples include:
- No. 3 and 4 (page 6): stakeholder engagement and communications
- No. 5: recruiting Deputy Director. Provided duty statement in the meeting materials. Title change in response to stakeholder comments



# Operational Steps, Timelines and Key Milestones for Transfer

- No. 6 (page 7): assess and categorize stakeholder recommendations for improvement and efficiencies.
- No. 8: list of functions to transfer, flow chart and assess for process improvement
- No. 9: DHCS and DMH transition team



# Operational Steps, Timelines and Key Milestones for Transfer

- No. 13 (page 8): complete identification of organizational placement of the new DHCS staff.
- No. 15: establish workgroups of staff and stakeholders to identify need for revisions and updates to laws, regulations and other policy guidance and instruction



# Proposed and Planned Changes or Efficiencies

- Many suggestions from stakeholders for actions to take during and after the transfer
- Maintained the original categories of
  - Improve business practices
  - Assure access and improve services
  - Assure stakeholder participation
- Assess the fiscal and programmatic impact?



# Organization and Leadership

- Changed title of Deputy Director
  - From “Behavioral Health” to “Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services”
- Still working on identifying final placement of the new DHCS staff that came from DMH’s Medi-Cal mental health program



# Engaging Stakeholders

- Updated for activities since release of the draft plan
- Emphasized commitment to working with stakeholders during and post-transition



# Administrative Transition:

## Update of Operational Steps, Timelines and Key Milestones

- Transfer of Staff
- Transitioning Information Technology systems
- Developing and transferring the budget
- Data management, analysis and research
- Telecommunications and space
- Audits and Investigations

# Next Steps

- Submit transition plan on October 1
- Provide first update on November 15
- Updates every other month through May 2012
- Reach out to stakeholders for assistance: ongoing



# Comments and Questions



# Submit your feedback

- We welcome written input via the special email address

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- Please submit information on “fatal flaws” immediately
- This email address will remain active throughout the transition year



# Thank You!!

