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NOTICE OF MEETING

On Tuesday, September 23, 2014, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act of 2004. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

At this hearing, the Commission will review oversight mechanisms for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding and the outcomes resulting from the state's investment of this funding in mental health services.

The Commission will first hear from a co-author of the initiative who will provide his 2004 and current expectations for the initiative, explain how the Act has changed and consider the appropriateness of the current oversight structure. Next, a panel comprised of two organizations that represent clients and their families has been asked to discuss how mental health services have fared since passage of MHSA. The Commission will then hear from the director of research and evaluation of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, who will discuss the commission's evolving role and strategies to improve oversight of the MHSA funds. The director will be accompanied by two commissioners who respectively chair the commission's financial oversight and evaluation committees. The Commission also will hear from the deputy director of the Department of Health Care Services' mental health and substance use disorder services division, who will discuss the department's new role in providing oversight of MHSA funds and the impact of the MHSA on statewide capacity to provide mental health services and supports. Finally, representatives from Los Angeles and Sonoma county behavioral health departments will discuss how the MHSA funds have been used in their counties and describe their efforts to measure, track and evaluate MHSA outcomes.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

Immediately following the hearing, the Commission will hold a business meeting in Conference Room 175 on the first floor of 925 L Street in Sacramento.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's website, www.lhc.ca.gov. If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Commission Executive Director Carole D'Elia at (916) 445-2125 or littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov by Tuesday, September 16, 2014.



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**Public Hearing on the Mental Health Services Act
Tuesday, September 23, 2014
State Capitol, Room 437, Sacramento**

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Public Hearing: 9:30 a.m.

Assessing Proposition 63 after 10 years and \$13.2 billion

1. Rusty Selix, Executive Director, California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies

Improving Lives: How well has Proposition 63 Served the Mentally Ill?

2. Jessica Cruz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness California
3. Stacie Hiramoto, Director, Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition

State Oversight – Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission

4. Renay Bradley, Director of Research and Evaluation, Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission
5. David Pating, Vice Chair, Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission
6. Larry Poaster, Commissioner, Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission

State Oversight – Department of Health Care Services

7. Karen Baylor, Deputy Executive Director of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services, California Department of Health Care Services

How Counties Are Using Proposition 63 Funds

8. Debbie Innes-Gomberg, District Chief, Mental Health Services Act Implementation and Outcomes Division, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
9. Michael Kennedy, Behavioral Health Division Director, Sonoma County Department of Health Services

Business Meeting

**Tuesday, September 23, 2014
925 L Street, First Floor, Room 175, Sacramento**

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-V at approximately 12:30 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from August 26, 2014
- II. Draft Letter Report – Energy Governance Revisit
- III. Subcommittee Reports/Project Selection
- IV. Implementation Activity
- V. Reports from California State Auditor's Office