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NOTICE OF MEETING

On Thursday, May 26, 2016, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing to revisit the progress made to address concerns raised in its 2015 report, *Promises Still to Keep: A Decade of the Mental Health Services Act*. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

At this hearing, the Commission will hear updates on the advances made to implement its recommendations and seek feedback about the obstacles that might be limiting progress and the strategies to overcome them.

The Commission will first hear from former state Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg, the founder of the Steinberg Institute and the co-author of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). Next, the Commission will hear from a panel representing the state's role in oversight of the Act, including the executive director of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, the deputy executive director of the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services within the Department of Health Care Services and the executive officer and a councilmember of the California Mental Health Planning Council. The next panel features those involved in local implementation of the Act, including the executive director of the County Behavioral Health Directors Association, the chair of the San Diego County Behavioral Health Advisory Board and the district chief for the Los Angeles MHSA Implementation and Outcomes Division. Finally, the Commission will hear from several stakeholder groups, including executive director of policy and advocacy for Mental Health America of California and the director of the Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition.

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 Room 175 at 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 Thursday, May 19, 2016.



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Public Hearing on the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

Thursday, May 26, 2016

State Capitol, Room 437

Sacramento

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Public Hearing: 9:30 a.m.

Reflections from MHSA Co-Author

1. Darrell Steinberg, Former Senate Pro Tem and Founder, Steinberg Institute for Advancing Behavioral Health and Policy Leadership

State Oversight of the Mental Health Services Act

2. Toby Ewing, Executive Director, Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission
3. Karen Baylor, Deputy Executive Director of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services, California Department of Health Care Services
4. Jane Adcock, Executive Officer, California Mental Health Planning Council
5. Daphne Shaw, Councilmember, California Mental Health Planning Council

Local Implementation of the Mental Health Services Act

6. Kirsten Barlow, Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association
7. Phillip Demming, Chair, San Diego County Behavioral Health Advisory Board
8. Debbie Innes-Gomberg, District Chief, Los Angeles County MHSA Implementation and Outcomes Division

Mental Health Stakeholder Groups

9. Rusty Selix, MHSA Co-Author and Executive Director of Policy and Advocacy, Mental Health America of California
10. Stacie Hiramoto, Director, Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition

Business Meeting

Thursday, May 26, 2016

925 L Street, Room 175

Sacramento, CA 95814

(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). Members of the public will have an opportunity to make comments about Commission agenda items during the meeting.

- I. Election of Vice Chairman
- II. Business Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2016
- III. Subcommittee Reports and Project Selection
 - Salton Sea Draft Letter
- IV. Implementation
- V. Reports from the California State Auditor's Office