



Request to Authorize the MHSOAC Executive Director to Execute Contracts

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Background

- The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides funds to support stakeholder contracts for local and state level advocacy efforts.



Short Term Contracts

- Short term contracts will address the current need for stakeholder advocacy among the veteran and racial and ethnic minority populations.
- The contract for the Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition (REMHDSCO) will provide funding to the Mental Health Association of California to support their work on behalf of racial and ethnic communities.
- The contract for the California Association of Veterans Service Agencies (CAVSA) is intended to provide funding to support their work with and on behalf of veterans with unmet needs.



Overall Principles

- Alignment with the MHSA.
- Focused on transformational change of the mental health system.
- Enhanced opportunities to ensure the perspective and participation of stakeholders are a significant factor at all levels of decision making.
- Support a robust stakeholder process.



Proposed Scope of Work

- Participation in OAC meetings, committees and other related events and activities
- Develop and expand existing statewide networks of stakeholders local communities, including those from diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds.
- Provide feedback to the OAC regarding trends and issues relevant to stakeholders regarding local level planning and participation, access and linkage, and community needs.



Proposed Scope of Work *cont'd*

- Conduct outreach to diversify stakeholder participation at local, state and federal level.
- Promote and fortify stakeholder participation at mental health forums, meetings, and other activities and events.
- Represent the perspective of stakeholder communities in national, state and local policy discussions



Proposed Motion

- The MHSOAC authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Mental Health Association of California, on behalf of the Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition (REMHDCO) for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
- The MHSOAC authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the California Association of Veterans Service Agencies (CAVSA) for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

