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1416 NINTH STREET SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

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APRIL 21, 2010

1:00 P.M.

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APPEARANCES

Department of Mental Health

Steve Appel, Acting Regulations Coordinator

John Lessley, Chief, State Level Program Administration

Others Present

No Members of the Public Present

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1:02 p.m.

ACTING REGULATIONS COORDINATOR APPEL: I'm Steve Appel, Acting Regulations Coordinator with the California Department of Mental Health. Seated beside is John Lessley, Chief, State Level Program Administration.

It is exactly 1:02 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 and we are gathered here today in the auditorium at the Department of Water Resources located at 1416 Ninth Street in Sacramento, California in order to receive public comments on a proposed rulemaking action by the Department of Mental Health.

The subject of this public hearing is the proposed amendment to Section 1810.203.5, Appeal, and adoption of Section 1850.350, to Title 9 of the California Code of Regulations, Division 1, Chapter 11, Articles 2 and 3, regarding the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Appeal Process.

The amendment to Section 1810.203.5 is the addition of subdivision (d), expanding the definition of "appeal" to include MHP and/or MHP subcontractor's request for a review of the client record review findings.

Section 1850.350 is adopted to identify the progressive appeal process that is available to the MHPs and MHP subcontractors. It provides standards, protocols and

time frames for the process of informal and formal progressive appeals.

Under the rulemaking provisions of the California Administrative Procedure Act, the APA, this is the time and place set for the allowance of oral public comments to the Department of Mental Health's proposed regulations notice of which has previously been both published and sent by U.S. Mail and email to interested parties.

Written comments may continue to be submitted to the Department of Mental Health up until 5:00 o'clock p.m. today, although this public hearing may conclude before such time if everyone who wishes to offer oral comments has had the opportunity to do so before such time.

This is a quasi-legislative hearing, which means the Department of Mental Health carries out a rulemaking function that is delegated to it by the Legislature.

Persons presenting oral comments at this hearing will not be sworn in. The Department will not be engaging in a dialogue regarding the merits of the proposed regulation with those that wish to make public comments today.

We will take under submission all written and oral statements submitted or made during this hearing.

We will not be responding to your comments at this hearing. However, we reserve the opportunity to ask

questions at today's hearing in order to clarify your comments if necessary.

We will respond to these comments in writing in the final statement of reasons.

This entire APA rulemaking hearing will be recorded by a certified shorthand reporter.

The transcript of the hearing and all exhibits and evidence presented during the hearing will be made part of the rulemaking record and will be available to the public upon request.

The record for this hearing is being kept open until the close of business today, April 21, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in order to receive additional relevant comments from interested parties.

If you have brought written comments with you to submit during the hearing today please give them to me, the Department's Acting Regulations Coordinator.

You can also submit written comments to the Department of Mental Health at any time before 5:00 p.m. today by bringing them to the security desk at the lobby entrance at 1600 Ninth Street in Sacramento, California where the Department will send staff to retrieve them, or by having them postmarked today if you wish to send them via U.S. Mail.

Attendance sheets are available at the table on my

right to provide your name and to indicate whether you wish to offer oral comments at this public hearing.

We would like to ask everyone in attendance today to provide the information requested on the attendance sheets.

Nevertheless, if you wish to remain anonymous you do not need to put your name. Just write, anonymous.

When you fill out the attendance sheet please provide your email or mailing address and we will notify you before the final adoption of any changes to this proposal or about any new material relied upon in proposing these regulations.

This notice will be sent to everyone who submits written comments during the written comment period, including those written comments submitted today, who provide oral comments today and who asked for such notification.

While no one may be excluded from participation in these proceedings for failure to identify themselves, the names and addresses on the attendance sheet will be added to the notice list.

If you have not yet signed the attendance sheet and now wish to do so please do so at this time.

We would like to ask everyone in attendance today to provide the information requested on the attendance

sheets. Nevertheless, if you wish to remain anonymous you do not need to put your name, just write, anonymous.

When you fill out the attendance sheet please provide -- I thought I read this already. I'm going to skip this part here.

This notice will be sent to everyone who submits written comments during the written comment period, including those written comments submitted today, or that provide oral comments today and who ask for such notification.

We will listen to oral comments in the order you signed the attendance sheet. After we hear from everyone who signed in we will hear from anyone that joins us after the commencement of this public hearing and who wishes to be heard.

When you come to speak we ask that you do certain things so that the audience may hear you and so that your comments may be correctly entered in the record.

We ask you to come to the microphone on the right podium when you are called to speak. Please begin by stating and spelling your name if you wish to identify yourself and by indicating the organization you represent, if any.

At this point the rulemaking record includes four exhibits, A, B, C, and D.

Exhibit A is the Notice of the Proposed Action which was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on February 26, 2010, Number 9Z.

Exhibit B is the Expressed Terms of the Proposed Action using underline to indicate additions to and strike out to indicate deletions from the California Code of Regulations.

Exhibit C is the Statement of Reasons for the proposed rules.

Exhibit D contains written comments received to date.

These regulations were duly noticed at least 45 days prior to today's hearing.

Copies of the notice together with the regulations and the Statement of Reasons were mailed to all interested parties who had requested rulemaking notices.

I have the attendance sheets in front of me.

We will now take oral comments on the proposed regulations.

In the interest of time if you agree with comments made by the prior speaker simply state that fact and add any new information you feel is relevant to the issue.

We welcome your oral comments at this time.

Is there anyone else who wishes to speak concerning the Department's proposed regulations?

Hearing no requests I hereby close this oral

hearing at this time. It is exactly 1:11 p.m. However, we will receive written comments until 5:00 p.m. today at our offices located at 1600 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California.

Thank you to everyone who attended this meeting.

We truly appreciate your help in developing these regulations.

Finally, if you would like to be on the Department's rulemaking mailing list but are not on the list now please give your name and address to me, the Acting Regulations Coordinator.

Thereupon the public hearing was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

(Thereupon, the public hearing was
adjourned at 1:11 p.m.)

CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER/TRANSCRIBER

I, John Cota, an Electronic Reporter and Transcriber, do hereby certify that I am a disinterested person herein; that I recorded the foregoing California Department of Mental Health regulatory hearing; that I thereafter transcribed it into typewriting.

I further certify that I am not of counsel or attorney for any of the parties to said regulatory hearing, nor in any way interested in the outcome of said matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of April, 2010.

Original Signed


JOHN COTA