



MENTAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COUNCIL (MHOAC)

*Mission: Partners In Planning For Stable Families
And A Recovery-Based Mental Health System*

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Dear SAA Chairs:

Before I get to the primary purpose of this correspondence, on behalf of the Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council (MHOAC), I want to thank you and other members of your group for your participation on the Council over the years. Stakeholder participation is the very foundation for our success and continued progress; without an individual from your organization participating, the Council would miss essential information and recommendations for systemic change efforts.

The purpose of this letter is to inform entities/organizations, which have historically selected an individual to serve on the Mental Health Oversight Council, that the Council has changed their bylaws to partner with entities/organizations in the selection of all members to the Council.

The purpose of the change was twofold: The Council would like more responsibility in ensuring a dynamic and participatory membership, and, to provide a membership selection process that is transparent and as much as possible democratic.

The Council is requesting recommendations from you and/or your organization's membership for individuals to serve on the Council. Please have all interested individuals complete the attached application form. If the current member (Monique Casbeer, WSAA, Jodi Daly, CSAA, Jo Shipman, ESAA) is the only member from your entity/organization that would like to serve, please submit that person's name and information on the attached application form. If more than one name is submitted, the Council Executive Committee will interview all those who have submitted applications prior to selection. We would like to complete this process by January 2014. We will try and work around SAA meetings; although appreciate your assistance to expedite notifying regional LAC membership and requesting applications.

We appreciate your assistance in this process – it is a new process for us, therefore we request your patience. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions (contact information below).

Respectfully,

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