

QUESTIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH STAKEHOLDER MEETING

July 12, 2011 10:00 to 12:00 Noon
1500 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA

The Departments of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Mental Health (DMH) will present the following questions for discussion during the July 12, 2011 stakeholder meeting. The departments greatly appreciate your thoughtful input during the meeting, and/or in writing following the meeting. You may send your written comments to: DHCSMHMEDI-CALTRANSFER@DHCS.CA.GOV. Please note, to ensure a transparent process, DHCS will place pertinent written comments on its website.

Questions: Regarding the transfer of Medi-Cal related specialty mental health services from DMH to DHCS, effective July 1, 2012:

1. What are your comments on the organizational placement of mental health functions and mental health leadership within DHCS?
2. What are your recommendations regarding the role of stakeholders and interaction between stakeholders and:
 - a. DMH and DHCS during the transfer period, and
 - b. DHCS on an on-going basis.
3. How can DHCS and DMH best ensure continued access and quality of services pre and post transfer, with no service interruption to beneficiaries and providers?
4. What changes and efficiencies do you think the departments should consider in this initial phase of the Medi-Cal related mental health services transfer to DHCS? What is the fiscal and programmatic impact?
5. Considering the above questions, what are your priorities for discussion in future meetings?

When responding to the five questions, please consider how your recommendation or comment fits with the legislative intent as set forth in AB 102:

- Improve access to culturally appropriate services
- Effectively integrate financing of services
- Improve state accountability and outcomes
- Provide focused, high-level leadership for behavioral health.