

**R E M H D C O****Racial & Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition**

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**UPDATE FOR MHAC BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, September 28, 2010  
Sheraton Gateway (LAX)

**MHSA Activities**

REMHDCO continues to attend all the meetings of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), as well as most of the OAC Committee meetings. These include the Cultural and Linguistic Competence Committee (CLCC), Fiscal and Policy Committee, the Services Committee, the Evaluations Committee, and the Client and Family Leadership Committee (CFLC).

Since the last MHAC Board meeting, REMHDCO has begun to attend the meetings of the new Joint Powers Authority (JPA) which has been named the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA). CalMHSA will be administering the three PEI Statewide Projects: Suicide Prevention, Student Mental Health, and Elimination of Stigma and Discrimination. REMHDCO members performed admirably in the very short time given to provide stakeholder input on recommended priorities for each of these projects, as well as how CalMHSA should determine the priorities for the corresponding request for proposals (RFP's) to be developed.

By the time of this MHAC Board meeting, REMHDCO will have had another recruitment reception on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with the OAC meeting in Salinas.

At the time of this writing, we are tentatively planning another recruitment reception for Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the OAC meeting in Long Beach.

**California Reducing Disparities Grant**

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At the time of this writing, although the contract with State Dept. of Mental Health has not been signed, we expect to receive it from the Department any day now. By the time of the September meeting, it is anticipated that the contract will be executed.

Work will begin on putting together the California MHSA Multicultural Coalition – the CMMC – very soon. Our proposal included the creation of a temporary “Transition Team” that would handle the formation of the CMMC. The members of the Transition Team have been identified so they will have their first meeting very shortly after the contract is signed.

### **California Endowment Film Grant**

This grant project is finally coming to an end with the completion of a study guide to accompany the rough cut of the film about the young Vietnamese American man who developed bi-polar disorder in college.

Hopefully, at the Annual meeting in November, a portion of the film, along with the study guide can be presented. The study guide is being completed by an Asian American woman from San Jose, California who has knowledge and experience in both the film and mental health arena.