



CalSWEC

California Social Work Education Center

Mental Health Committee Charter 2012

Committee Description

The Mental Health Committee is responsible for overseeing and leading curricula, stipend and any other social work education issues in the behavioral health field.

Goals of the Committee

To improve the capacity of the public mental health system (i.e. county-operated agencies and non-profit organizations with contracts) to provide effective recovery-oriented services to diverse populations through the development of a workforce of professionally trained and culturally competent social workers

Functions of the Committee

- Create and maintain collaborative partnerships among key stakeholder groups including: County mental health/behavioral health agencies (California Mental Health Directors Association) universities (California Association of Deans and Directors); state agencies (Dept. of Health Care Services); statewide oversight and fiduciary organizations (California Mental Health Services Authority, California Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission, California Mental Health Planning Council); community-based partners (consumer organizations, family member organizations, contract provider organizations,); and professional associations.
- Identify social work education and training needs in the behavioral health field
- Identify emerging issues in curriculum, research, evaluation, workforce development and program sustainability, and make recommendations to the CalSWEC Board and Permanent Committees for consideration and implementation at the universities, county and contract agencies, and/or staff development partners.
- Review program progress toward the development of a diverse workforce competent to work in recovery-oriented systems of care, and recommend strategies to address practice and policy issues, especially integration with primary care and substance abuse and partnerships for treatment of forensic populations.
- Review current education and training activities and make recommendations for program improvement.

Decision-making

The Mental Health Committee will focus on developing consensus as the method for decision making about action items, including recommending that particular issues be moved forward to the next level of decision making within CalSWEC. If consensus cannot be reached at a meeting, the Committee Chair or Vice-Chair will designate an ad-hoc committee to discuss the issue and bring a recommendation back to the committee of the whole at the next meeting. In the rare instances when a vote is necessary, any motion will carry by simple majority of those who are in attendance at that meeting. The Chair and Vice-Chair may determine

that the issue requires a decision-making process through e-mail to include those who are not in attendance at a meeting.

Type of Representatives and Roles

The following list includes CalSWEC Board representatives as well as the types of organizational representatives who already attend MHC meetings, have attended in the past or have been recommended in recent Charter discussions to serve on the committee. Committee meetings are always open to all interested parties who wish to attend.

Board members:

California Mental Health Directors Association
California State University Schools of Social Work
Loma Linda University School of Social Work and Social Ecology
National Association of Social Workers
University of California Schools of Social Work/Social Welfare
University of Southern California School of Social Work
Zellerbach Family Foundation

Constituents

California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies
California Board of Behavioral Sciences
California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies
California Department of Health Care Services
 ➤ Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHDP)
California Department of Public Health
California Dept. of Rehabilitation
California Institute for Mental Health
 ➤ WET Regional Partnerships
 ➤ Working Well Together
California Mental Health Planning Council
California Mental Health Services Authority
California Rural Health Association
California Network of Mental Health Clients
California Primary Care Association
Center for Clinical Social Work
California State University's Chancellor's Office
Council on Social Work Education
County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association of California (CADPAAC)
California Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (CAADAC)
County Mental Health Ethnic Services Coordinators
County WET Programs
County MH Training Programs
Mental Health America in California
 ➤ Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition (REMHCD)
MHP Alum(s)

MHP Schools of Social Work

MHP Student(s)

Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

National Alliance for Mental Illness California

United Advocates for Children and Families