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***** EVENT ADVISORY FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017 *****

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION HOLDS COMMUNITY FORUM

Public discussion to focus on impact and progress of the Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63)

WHAT: The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), the statewide entity that oversees the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), will be holding its community forum to discuss the impact and progress of MHSA.

The forum will begin with an introduction from Tina Wooton, MHSOAC Chair, and Jonathan Sherin, M.D., Ph.D., Director of Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, followed by breakout discussion sessions about mental health issues, services, resources, strategies and policy. Information from this discussion will be used to inform MHSOAC about MHSA-funded programs' impact on individuals, families and communities in Los Angeles County and throughout California.

Attendees will also have an opportunity to comment to the MHSOAC about MHSA implementation and MHSA-funded programs.

Community mental health information and resources will also be available at the event.

WHERE: Los Angeles City College, Student Union Multi-Purpose Room
855 N. Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90029

WHEN: Saturday, October 28, 2017
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
On-site contact: Mimi McKay, (213) 738-2862

HOW: RSVPs are encouraged at mhsoac@mhsoac.ca.gov or (916) 445-8696. Additional information is available on MHSOAC's website at <http://mhsoac.ca.gov/>.

This event is open and free to the public. Clients, families, stakeholders and those from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to attend the forum. Lunch and refreshments will be served.

About the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is the largest county-operated mental health department in the United States, directly operating 75 program sites and more than 100 co-located sites. Each year, it contracts with approximately 1,000 agencies and individual practitioners to provide a spectrum of mental health services to more than 250,000 residents of all ages. The Department's mission – enriching lives through partnership to strengthen our community's capacity to support recovery and resiliency – is accomplished by working with stakeholders and community partners to provide clinically competent, culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate mental health services to clients in the least restrictive manner possible. For more information, visit <http://dmh.lacounty.gov>.

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