

## Veterans Stakeholder Contract Project

### Community Listening Session

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Sacramento Veterans Resource Center

7270 East Southgate Drive

Sacramento, CA 95823

There will be no call-in option for this listening session.

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#### Meeting Purpose

This meeting is designed to gather feedback and inform participants on the upcoming competitive process for an advocacy contract to be administered by the MHSOAC for the Veterans stakeholder population.

#### 12:00 PM Welcome and Introductions

Tom Orrock, Chief, Stakeholder Engagement and Grants, MHSOAC

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- Agenda review
- Brief review of purpose of project and RFP process

#### 12:30 PM Discussion: Community Feedback

Participants will be asked to identify:

1. Thoughts on the best ways to structure the distribution of funds for statewide advocacy. Statewide, local or combination of both?
2. The most critical mental health needs of the Veteran communities.
3. Barriers/challenges to seeking mental health services/supports.
4. Barriers/challenges to staying engaged in services/supports.
5. Areas of need that could be addressed through:
  - a. Training and education
  - b. Outreach/engagement activities
  - c. Advocacy/policy/legislative efforts
6. For Statewide organizations – how does your organization work with local level organizations to meet the needs of the population?
7. For Local organizations – how does your organization work with state level organizations to meet the needs of the population?

#### 3:30 PM Closing Remarks and Next Steps

#### 4:00 PM Adjourn

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