

February 17, 2021

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for membership on the Commission's Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee. A link to the application is below. Applications are due on **February 26, 2021**.

The Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee brings together mental health clients, family members and persons with expertise on achieving equity in California's mental health system. For 2021, the Committee is charged with advising the Commission on priority challenges facing California's mental health system.

For the 2021 year, the Committee will focus on strategies to achieve racial, ethnic and LGBTQ+ equity in California's mental health system.

The Committee's work will focus on understanding inequities in California's mental health system and identifying strategies to achieve equity, and may include:

- Identifying ways to document and communicate inequities in California's mental health system to inform policy and practice.
- Exploring existing efforts to address inequities and their strengths and challenges.
- Documenting model programs and/or strategies to address inequities that can be replicated statewide.
- Identifying policy and practice reforms likely to lead to improved equity in California's mental health system.

Committee Members:

The Commission is seeking to appoint 10-12 Committee members with experience and expertise understanding, documenting and addressing inequities in community mental health programs, with preference for persons with lived experience as a mental health consumer or family member. Preference will be given to applicants who have experience or expertise in addressing inequities which exist in California's mental health system.

In recognition of the challenges that COVID-19 and isolation practices created for the Commission's 2020 Cultural and Linguistic Competency Committee, committee members from the 2020 Committee are encouraged to apply and will be given preference for consideration based on qualifications for the Committee's focus on addressing inequities.

Meeting Dates:

To improve scheduling of Committee meetings, the Committee Chair has identified the following dates and times for Committee meetings through the year.

- March 11, 2021
- May 13, 2021
- July 8, 2021
- September 9, 2021

CLCC Application link:

<https://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/sites/default/files/CLCC%20Application%20FINAL.pdf>

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Instructions to submit:

1. Save your completed form in PDF format with the filename (LastName)_(FirstName)_CLCC
2. Email the completed form as an attachment to mhsoac@mhsoac.ca.gov
3. In the subject line of your email include the text "CLCC Application" and your full name