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Accessing the California Department of Mental Health Stakeholder Process

Dear CNMHC Member:

Today's News Alert discusses upcoming meetings and conference calls from the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) regarding the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).

The California Department of Mental Health (DMH) has an ongoing responsibility to stakeholders of all kinds, particularly clients, to develop MHSA policies and requirements with their input. According to the MHSA's website, in California over 125,000 individuals have provided input to develop policies and plans for MHSA services. You can learn more about the DMH Stakeholder meeting process by connecting with the following MHSA link:

http://www.dmh.ca.gov/prop_63/MHSA/default.asp

The department schedules and holds regular, statewide conference calls for the benefit of all stakeholders. Details about the calls are included below:

Toll-free call-in number: 1-800-260-0712
Participant Code: 920918

Documents are provided before the time of the call for those who would like to prepare in advance. See the above website to access those documents as they become available.

On a less positive note, MHSA Statewide Stakeholders meetings, which had been scheduled for the fall, have been canceled.

A more specific agenda for statewide conference calls and other activities is coming soon, according to the MHSA website.

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