

MHSA Ad Hoc Charter Review Committee Recommendations May 2010

1. Pre-meetings should be structured and designed to orient, educate, and engage Steering Committee members.
2. Pre-meetings should be “owned” by consumer/family members. (Dave Schroeder and Frank Topping volunteered to do this. Staff from MHSA will provide support).
3. Pre-meetings should include:
 - An orientation for new members;
 - An MHSA refresher for all members;
 - A review of prior meeting minutes and the current meeting’s agenda to facilitate understanding of prior discussions and decisions and to prepare participants for upcoming discussions and decisions; and
 - Training on relevant MHSA topics.
4. The Steering Committee should seek opportunities for broadening its role in the larger community and across the system including:
 - Strengthening its relationship with the Mental Health Board;
 - Integrating MHSA with the rest of the Division of Behavioral Health Services; and
 - Getting out into the community.
5. Assemble an ad hoc committee to revisit the MHSA Component Plan Development and Approval Process in light of the current environment and the Steering Committee’s evolution.