Discussion Guide

I. **Policies (Handout #1)**

    1. Collectively, do the revised policies reflect the principles that should guide the standards included in the regulations? If not, what changes or modifications do you suggest?

    2. Discuss each draft policy statement.

II. **CON Review Standards (Handout #2)**

A. Need

    1. MHCC staff will explain how this was handled in last CON review.

    2. What data sources should be relied upon to evaluate demand for this service in a given area?

    3. How should data be collected? Who should collect data?

    4. How should the need for additional beds at an established RTC be determined?

    5. Should unused licensed capacity of existing providers be regarded as an indication of a lack of demand for services or need for additional capacity?

B. Project Impact

    1. MHCC staff will describe this standard, which is from the procedural regulations (COMAR 10.24.01.08G(3)(f)).

    2. What consideration should be given to existing providers when a new facility is proposed? How concerned should MHCC be about negative consequences for existing providers?

C. Health Equity

    1. MHCC staff will explain the new health equity standard in the procedural regulations (COMAR 10.24.01.08G(3)(g)).

    2. What disparities exist with respect to access to RTCs?

    3. What disparities exist with respect to quality of care for the populations that requires treatment in an RTC?

4. How do social determinants affect the delivery of care to the population that requires treatment in an RTC?

D. Cost Effectiveness

1. MHCC staff will describe this standard, which is in the procedural regulations (COMAR 10.24.01.08G(3)(c)).

2. What other options are available to the population, other than RTCs and hospitals?

3. What distance to alternative providers should be considered reasonable when an applicant is addressing feasible alternatives?