Discussion Guide

I.   **Certificate of Need (CON) Review Standards** (Available in Handout #1)

     A. Project Impact

         1. MHCC staff description of standard included in procedural regulations
         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?

     B. Health Equity

         1. MHCC staff description of health equity standard in procedural regulations
         2. What disparities exist with respect to access to RTCs?
         3. What disparities exist with respect to quality of care for the populations that require treatment in an RTC? How should quality of care be measured?
         4. How do social determinants affect the delivery of care to the population that requires treatment in an RTC?

     C. Cost Effectiveness

         1. MHCC staff description of standard in procedural regulations
         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?

     D. Sex Specific Programs

         1. MHCC staff description of standard in State Health Plan (SHP) chapter for RTCs
         2. How should transgender/non-binary individuals be handled?
         3. Are there suggested changes to this standard?

     E. Special Clinical Needs

         1. MHCC staff description of standard in the SHP chapter for RTCs
         2. Should all RTCs be required to have specialized programs for individuals with developmental disabilities?
         3. Are there suggested changes or additional populations that should be included in this standard?

F. Minimum Services

1. MHCC staff description of standard in the SHP chapter for RTCs
2. Is the list of minimum services reasonable? Should any services be removed or added to this standard?
3. Should a trauma-informed treatment model be a requirement? Are there others treatment models that are equally as effective that should be included?

G. Treatment Planning and Family Involvement

1. MHCC staff description of standard in the SHP chapter for RTCs
2. How well have the current standards been working? How much family involvement is required for the generalization of treatment progress in the community?
3. Are there specific aftercare or discharge planning activities that should be required?

H. Education

1. MHCC staff description of standard in the SHP chapter for RTCs
2. How well have the current standards been working?
3. Are there changes to this standard that should be considered?

I. Staff Training

1. MHCC staff description of standard in the SHP chapter for RTCs
2. How well have the current standards been working? Should anything be added?
3. Are there suggested changes or additions to these standards?

J. Staffing

1. MHCC staff description of standard in the SHP chapter for RTC
2. Are there recommended staffing ratios that are most appropriate for specific populations?
3. How should CON staff determine if an applicant has a credible plan for meeting staffing requirements?

K. Accreditation and Certification

1. MHCC staff description of standard in the SHP chapter for RTCs
2. What certifications can RTC's obtain?
3. Recommendation to allow for more options in the choice of accreditation body (SB 403)

L. Security

1. MHCC staff description of standard in the SHP chapter for RTCs
2. How well has the current standard been working?
3. Given the number of AWOL individuals, should a higher level of security be required at proposed RTCs?
4. Should there be additional requirements included in this standard?