



Evaluation Committee **2013 Charter**

Purpose:

To provide the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) with input, assistance, and advice as needed in the finalization of the MHSOAC Evaluation Master Plan, work being done and recommendations made by evaluators, and any other emerging issues regarding evaluation.

Objectives:

- Ensure that the evaluations conducted via the MHSOAC are structured to achieve the objectives of the MHSOAC and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).
- Ensure that the evaluations conducted via the MHSOAC use methods and measures that are consistent with the requirements of the MHSA, technically sound, and meaningful and relevant to stakeholders.
- Ensure that information from evaluation efforts and reports is usable for continuous quality improvement within California's community-based mental health systems, programs, and projects, and for revising MHSA policy guidelines.

Guiding Principles:

Committee policy and strategy recommendations to the MHSOAC should reflect and strive to address the following priorities:

1. Focus on improved outcomes for clients and their families
2. Promote promising practices and continuous quality improvement
3. Consider cultural and linguistic competence
4. Promote a client/family driven system
5. Work toward reduction of stigma and discrimination
6. Reflect an informative and robust stakeholder process
7. Emphasize inclusion of all ages across the life-span
8. Aim to reduce mental health disparities
9. Promote total health integration

Activities:

1. Provide support as needed in the finalization of the MHSOAC Evaluation Master Plan. Workgroups/subcommittees may be convened to support specific facets of implementation.
 - a. Refer evaluation findings and recommendations to other committees for action as appropriate.
2. Provide support as needed with MHSOAC efforts to identify core, uniform performance indicators for all MHSA components (e.g., CSS, PEI, Innovation). A

workgroup/subcommittee may be convened to provide ongoing feedback on this effort.

3. Provide support as needed with current and forthcoming evaluation contracts and deliverables. Workgroups/subcommittees may be convened to support specific projects.
4. Continue to identify opportunities to strengthen data collection/reporting systems and infrastructure within counties to meet statewide evaluation goals. A workgroup/subcommittee may be convened to provide ongoing feedback on this effort.
5. Participate in a workgroup convened by the MHSOAC Services Committee to provide input for development and implementation of the Integrated Plan.
6. With the goal of promoting quality improvement, provide regular updates on Evaluation activities and disseminate reports and findings to all MHSOAC Committees and other entities as needed.
 - a. Communicate lessons learned and best practices from evaluations to improve programs and policy as part of quality improvement feedback.
7. Seek input from other Committees and entities as needed/relevant on current evaluation projects and evaluations that may be needed.
8. Revisit and revise if needed the policy paper: Accountability through Evaluative Efforts Focusing on Oversight, Accountability and Evaluation.
9. Provide support as needed in MHSOAC efforts to endorse and promote strategies that transform the mental health system, including systems and services integration.

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