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Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) Standardized County Profiles of Mental Health Priority Indicators

Summary

The MHSOAC has a contract with the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) to develop quarterly standardized county level reports on priority indicators for Community Services and Supports (CSS)/Systems of Care. The initial statewide draft report template will be submitted June 30, 2011. There will be multiple opportunities for public input. The initial statewide report will be finalized by March 31, 2012 and the initial county level reports will be available by June 30, 2012.

Background

California statutes, including the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), describe the outcomes expected from the public mental health system.

The California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) approved "Performance Indicators for Evaluating the Mental Health System, January 2010" which includes comprehensive CSS indicators after statewide public hearings. Priority indicators were selected from this document and were approved by the CMHPC and the MHSOAC. These priority indicators were selected from available data to begin to measure progress towards statutory outcomes. The MHSOAC contracted with UCLA to develop a standardized template with documented sources and calculations for quarterly statewide and county level profiles based on the priority indicators. UCLA will evaluate the CMHPC/MHSOAC priority indicators and make recommendations for changes, as appropriate. The template, documentation and statewide reports developed by UCLA will be issued in draft for public comment prior to finalization.

Counties may establish additional indicators and may develop reports at other levels, e.g. by provider. (Provider level reports are not included as a deliverable at this time, in the contract with UCLA.)

MHSA/System of Care Initial Priority Outcomes and Indicators

The initial priority indicators were approved by the California Mental Health Planning Council and the MHSOAC. The initial priority indicators included in the Initial Statewide Evaluation of the MHSA by the MHSOAC are summarized on the attached chart. These indicators are linked to statutory outcomes.

Next Steps

The initial draft template and documentation of the methods for calculation is due June 30, 2011 for public input and finalized by September 30, 2011. The initial draft statewide report will be provided in draft form for input by December 31, 2011 and finalized March 31, 2012. The initial county specific standardized reports will be provided on June 30, 2012. Two additional statewide and county specific quarterly reports are to be provided on September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2012.

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