

PROPOSAL “F” FOR FY 2012/13 MHSOAC EVALUATION

Name of Proposed Evaluation: Placeholder—Build on Portions of RAND Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Evaluation Framework

Brief Description:

The RAND Corporation (which was contracted by CalMHSA) is developing a population-based public health framework for evaluation of the impact of mental health MHSAs services, including PEI, on the health and well-being of all Californians. It may be possible for the MHSOAC to adopt some of this framework to guide the evaluation of MHSAs-sponsored PEI efforts (focused specifically on outcomes within the MHSOAC logic model). However, the final report that fully describes the RAND framework is not yet available. Despite this fact, it is likely that implementation of any part of the RAND framework will require additional work. This project would set aside some evaluation resources to fund implementation of facets of this framework that are deemed feasible and important/relevant to the MHSOAC. Development of a specific plan for use of these resources would be completed after input from MHSOAC on the RAND product.

Purpose (check all that apply)

- Inform and Improve Services Assess and Communicate Impact
- Inform and Improve Policy Gain Insight
- Affect Those Who Participate in the Inquiry
- Other, specify _____

Audience and Uses

Evaluation design to include all relevant outcomes from the statute that pertain to prevention and early intervention.

Questions

- How can facets of the RAND framework be used to evaluate MHS-sponsored PEI programs at the state level?

Priority Goals/Outcomes/Indicators from MHSAs/SOC Statute

Most likely, strategies 1, 5, 6, and/or 7 could be included.

Outcome Consistent with MHSOAC Logic Model

Any or all of the outcomes (community/statewide, program/systems, individual/family) could be evaluated.

MHSOAC Estimated Funding Need \$100,000-500,000

- One-year only Multi-year (specify number of years)