

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION (MHSOAC)  
Evaluation Committee  
Department of Health Care Services  
1500 Capitol Ave., Training Room C 72-148  
Sacramento, CA 95811  
October 26, 2011  
1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

**Committee Members Present:**

Richard Van Horn, Chair  
Ann Arneill-Py  
Viviana Criado  
Debbie Innes-Gomberg  
Tim Smith  
Denise Hunt  
Toby Ewing  
Steve Leoni \*  
Rusty Selix  
Stephanie Oprendek\*  
Kathleen Derby  
Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola  
Karen Stockton  
Stephanie Welch  
Dave Pilon  
Candace Milow\*

**Staff:**

Sandy Lyon  
Deborah Lee  
Filomena Yeroshek  
Sherri Gauger  
Kevin Hoffman  
Aaron Carruthers  
Enrica Bertoldo  
Jennifer Whitney  
Thomas Powers

**Other Attendees:**

Dan Souza  
Stacie Hiramoto  
Wayne Clark\*  
Ashaki Jackson\*  
Cecilia Badger  
Molly Brassil

\*Participated via telephone

**Welcome/Introductions**

Commissioner Van Horn convened the meeting at approximately 1:34 p.m.

- All meeting participants were welcomed, introduced themselves, and stated their membership affiliation.
- Commissioner Van Horn welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation on the Evaluation Committee and outlined the agenda for the meeting.

**Review and Approve Prior Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved with the following edit. A request was made to modify a comment regarding the write up of proposals of evaluation priorities to not include Key Administrators recommendations to be developed by staff.

**Update on Evaluation Activities**

Staff provided the update of evaluation activities that are current and those scheduled to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

- Highlights of the update:
  - The two recently completed deliverables are available on the MHSOAC website that provide:

- A summary and synthesis of existing statewide PEI studies and evaluations that report on counties intended outcomes and outcome measures based on an analysis of the PEI plans.
  - A report on activities and expenditures of local MHSA funds that include eight reports by component and an Executive Summary that provides broad level detail.
- The MHSOAC has received and is reviewing the report on priority indicators and the process for compiling data that includes stakeholder input for statewide county reporting that will be available to the public next.

### **Presentation of MHSOAC Logic Model and How Committee Activities Can Support MHSA Outcomes**

Staff led the discussion regarding how the MHSOAC Logic Model can be used by the Evaluation Committee to support the Commission's role in oversight and accountability. Highlights of the discussion:

- The Logic Model was created to help define the Commission's direction specific to evaluation
  - A progressive circle of strategies is provided by the Logic Model of what has to happen to lead to oversight and accountability outcomes to assist determine what to do with the evaluation, such as 1.) Communication and 2.) Quality Improvement.
  - The Logic Model is intended to be used to help sort out what's going on to help know how to evaluate so priorities can be established and where they fit into a broader picture when setting goals for action.
  - It was noted that the Logic Model can also be applied at the county level as a significant resource regarding the role that data has in system leadership.
  - The Logic Model offers a tool to assist develop the Commission's 2012 Work Plan so the responsibilities of each committee's work is clear to show how the activities and resources are linked to the broader picture of oversight and accountability.
- Public comment was received and incorporated in with the Committee member discussion.

### **Finalize Recommendations to be Presented to the MHSOAC Relating to Evaluation Priorities and Funding Levels**

Staff led the discussion regarding recommendations to be presented to the Commission related to evaluation priorities and funding levels.

- Highlights of the discussion:
  - The committee considered eight top proposals prioritized by a staff led workgroup that convened on 9/13/11 of recommendations for the \$875 K available for evaluation resources.

- There was strong consideration from committee members for a combination of Proposals F (Regional Supports) and H (Statewide Supports for DCR).
  - A comment was made that Proposal H (Statewide Supports for DCR) should be a start because it will be an easier task than Proposal F (Regional Supports) which provides counties, agencies, staff, family members and consumers the means to actually use the data for quality improvement purposes by helping them to analyze and interpret the data, which is why it's costs are higher.
  - A comment noted the costs associated with Proposal F (Regional Supports) should consider data support at the program level to include community agencies in the proposed regional collaborative for technical assistance with a cost estimate range from \$500K to \$1.5 M that may require additional costs.
  - Proposals E (PEI Evaluation Strategy) and C (Impact of Early Intervention Programs) were among the top eight priorities considered and it was recommended that CalMHSA could be a possible resource, with action by the Commission, to expand Proposal E into the statewide evaluation projects awarded to the Rand Corporation for PEI.
  - Proposal G (Report on Impact on Disparities) was one of the priority considerations the committee agreed needs a baseline regarding disparities and thought the costs may exceed the proposed \$100K.
  - The proposed costs of the proposals may need to be adjusted to either increase or decrease the amounts.
  - A master plan for evaluation was recommended to include a unified collaborative effort of all components and to identify what is needed as next steps.
- Public comment was received and incorporated in with the Committee member discussion

### **Presentation on Community Engagement Process Specific to Evaluation**

A presentation was provided by Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola regarding principles of community engagement specific to evaluation.

- Highlights of the discussion:
  - A strategy recommended for empowerment of an evaluation is to actively engage community participation to build capacity at the local level
  - Capacity building includes accountability which covers access to services to determine who is using services in hopes that health care reform can provide a vehicle to focus on outcomes not just actual services provided.
  - The importance of community involvement is essential to the identifications of health concerns and interventions
  - The commitment to a fair allocation of resources, opportunities, obligations and negotiating power, are all social determinants that impact ones access to health care that strategies of community engagement encourage awareness of
  - There is a parallel between stakeholders and counties regarding participation to support a clear and open evaluation that includes plans

- and methods that lead to build capacity so the developed strategies help participants determine their own strengths
  - Participants need to be involved in the process early on so they are engaged at the goal to allow time to transfer findings and support an approach toward prevention for an easier sell
  - A comment noted it is important that the appropriate community members are present so the representation of those involved connects to the process of the purpose of the engagement
- Public comment was received and incorporated in with the committee member discussion.

### **Update on Proposed Legislation, SB 893**

An update was provided by Toby Ewing regarding the proposed bill, SB 893.

- Highlights of the update:
  - This is a two year bill that may take some time to move and may not be a high priority for the Administration at this time
  - The author, Chairperson Wolk wants an accountability strategy to be included

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.