



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

**Evaluation Committee**  
**2012 Charter**

**Purpose:**

To provide the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) input on implementation of the MHSOAC evaluation master plan for the MHSA, recommendations regarding priorities within available or enhanced evaluation funding, and analysis of recommendations by evaluators for next steps or any other important emerging issue regarding evaluation

**Objectives:**

- Ensure that the MHSA evaluations accurately depict the extent to which the objectives of the MHSA have been accomplished.
- Use methods and measures that are consistent with the provisions of the MHSA, technically sound and are meaningful and relevant to stakeholders.
- Ensure that information from evaluative efforts and reports is usable for continuous improvements of systems and programs/projects and for revising MHSA policy guidelines depending on system outcomes.

**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. Best practices and continuous quality improvement
3. Culturally and linguistically competent
4. Promotes a client/family/parent driven system
5. Reduces stigma and discrimination
6. Fully informed via a robust stakeholder process
7. Emphasize the inclusion of all ages across the life-span
8. Aimed to reduce mental health disparities.
9. Promote total health integration

**Activities:**

1. Provide support in the development of a comprehensive master plan for a complete evaluation of all components as a unified effort. The plan, with input by counties and stakeholders, should include but not be limited to: a) core, uniform priority mental health services outcomes and indicators for statewide oversight, b) recommendations to strengthen statewide data infrastructure, and c) assessment of the appropriate level of statewide evaluation investment.
2. Continue to identify opportunities to strengthen data and analysis capacity and infrastructure within counties to meet statewide evaluation goals including appropriate policies, evaluation processes and mental health outcomes

3. Recommend priorities for FY 12/13 MHSOAC evaluation resources to the MHSOAC. Explore feasibility of including an evaluation of Innovation.
4. Provide input and support in the development of the PEI framework by RAND Corporation (contractor to CalMHSA.)
5. Participate in a workgroup convened by the MHSOAC Services Committee if needed to provide input to develop and implement the Integrated Plan in collaboration with new state entities.
6. Ensure evaluation efforts are available and useable to support the Commission's role in oversight and accountability.

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