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**AGENDA ITEM:** Update on PEI Framework being Developed by RAND Corporation, Contractor with CalMHSA

**ENCLOSURES:**

- RAND Timeline and Activities Related to CalMHSA Statewide Evaluation of PEI Initiatives and Statewide Evaluation Framework

**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:** None

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**Issue:**

Obtain an update on the progress of the PEI Evaluation Framework being developed by RAND Corporation, contractor with CalMHSA. The enclosed attachment will be discussed at the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Evaluation Committee meeting.

**Background:**

CalMHSA has proposed including as part of its contract with its evaluation contractor, RAND Corporation, the creation of a statewide evaluation framework for PEI that includes all MHSAs specified negative outcomes as a result of serious mental illness (suicide, incarcerations, school failure or dropout, unemployment, prolonged suffering, homelessness, and removal of children from their homes), populations across the lifespan, and both prevention and early intervention areas of focus. This framework would also include the three areas (stigma reduction, suicide prevention, and student mental health) that are the focus of the CalMHSA statewide projects. The MHSAOC (staff and/or Evaluation Committee members) are to be closely involved with the development of the framework. The framework must be approved by the Commission.

Approximate Cost: None to the MHSAOC

In February 2011, the Legislature appropriated additional continuous funding for FY 2011/12 to be available for evaluation efforts to enable the MHSAOC to continue its oversight and accountability responsibility. The Evaluation Committee and MHSAOC staff conducted an extensive process, which included collecting a total of thirty ideas, creating a framework for prioritizing evaluation ideas based on U.S. Government Accountability Office and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention standards, convening subject matter experts to apply the framework to all ideas, narrowing the

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**Background (continued):**

options from thirty to eight options, and developing the eight into more complete proposals that the Evaluation Committee considered at its October 26, 2011 meeting.

One of the proposals recommended as a priority for use of the \$875,000 evaluation funding for Fiscal Year 2011/12 is to design a PEI evaluation strategy which is summarized below.

- **Proposal E: Design MHSOAC PEI Evaluation Strategy**

While some counties are evaluating their PEI programs and all counties (except very small counties) are performing an outcome evaluation of one PEI program, no evaluation requirements or systems are in place regionally or statewide to measure the impact of PEI. This study would explore, design, and propose options for a sustainable PEI evaluation system and framework, including data collection strategies, in order to provide meaningful information about the effectiveness and impact of PEI programs.

Proposal E was identified as an evaluation priority for a portion of the \$875,000 available evaluation funding for FY 2011/12. During the Evaluation Committee process to identify evaluation priorities several members of the Committee suggested that the MHSOAC collaborate with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) on a joint PEI evaluation strategy since CalMHSA is already tasked with evaluating some portions of PEI.