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DATE OF MEETING: 2/22/12

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AGENDA ITEM: Discuss Preliminary Recommendations for Availability and Usability of Evaluation Efforts

ENCLOSURES: Draft Recommendations for Availability and Usability of Evaluation Efforts, February 17, 2012

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: None

Issue:

One of the activities on the 2012 Evaluation Committee Charter is to ensure evaluation efforts are available and useable to support the Commission's role in oversight and accountability.

The Committee members are encouraged to provide any ideas that they have to expand the availability and usability of completed MHSOAC evaluation efforts to advise the Commission of their recommendations.

Background:

The Commission has a critical role in providing oversight and accountability to conduct ongoing mental health program evaluation that focuses on outcomes and the appropriate and effective use of public funds. The MHSOAC through its statewide evaluation efforts strives to assure California taxpayers that the use of public funds for mental health services results in efficient investments, which achieve positive outcomes at local and state levels. In order to fulfill its responsibility for statewide oversight and accountability the Commission relies on evaluation efforts. Some of the functions important to this include what is available, useable and accessible regarding evaluation so the Commission can be effective in its role.

The Committee will have a preliminary discussion to develop recommendations to support the Commission's role in oversight and accountability by providing ideas for the use of available evaluation efforts.