
AGENDA ITEM: Status Update on Current Evaluation Deliverables and Future Contracts Approved by the MHSOAC on November 17, 2011

ENCLOSURES: • None

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: A handout of the PowerPoint will be available at the meeting.

ISSUE

A priority of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) 2012 Work Plan is to continue to ensure comprehensive evaluation regarding the effectiveness of services being provided and achievement of outcome measures.

At the March 23rd, 2012 meeting, the MHSOAC will be provided an update on the status of the current evaluation deliverables and a follow up on the Commission’s November 17th approval of the priorities for use of the \$875,000 evaluation funding for Fiscal Year 2011/12.

Current Deliverables

The MHSOAC has a contract with the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in collaboration with Evaluation, Management and Training (EMT) to provide evaluation deliverables regarding the statewide impact of the MHSA, known as Phases 2 and 3 Evaluation. In addition, to ensure quality data is available for the MHSOAC’s evaluation efforts, the MHSOAC has a contract with California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) to provide user supports to the Data Collection and Reporting (DCR) system in order to improve data quality to support the Commission’s efforts.

Below is a summary of the upcoming deliverables from the UCLA and CSUS contracts.

UCLA/EMT

UCLA and EMT have presented to the Commission on several occasions the deliverables that have been completed. The list below only includes upcoming deliverables.

1. Analysis of MHSA Expenditures (Phase 2)

- a) A summary of expenditures from Fiscal Years 2006/2007 through 2009/2010 with an in-depth analysis on specific issues including a cost analyses based on critical questions regarding Full Services Partnerships (FSP) indicator variables. This Deliverable is to be provided by November 30, 2012.

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Current Deliverables (continued):

2. County Profiles for Priority Indicator Reports (Phase 2)

- a) Draft state level report, for stakeholder input, on priority indicators for the most recent one year period. The draft is to be provided by June 30, 2012.
- b) Final state level report including stakeholder input, on the same priority indicators for the same reporting period as the above listed draft. This final report is to be provided by September 30, 2012.
- c) The first of two county-level and state-level reports on priority indicators for the most recent one year period. This report is to be provided by September 30, 2012.
- d) The second county-level and state-level report on priority indicators for the most recent one year period. This report is to be provided by March 31, 2013.

3. FSP Cost/Cost offset (Phase 3)

- a) Draft report, for stakeholder input, on per-person FSP costs and cost/offset analysis on the impact of outcomes achieved in comparison to expenditures for FSPs for at least one of the four age groups. This draft is to be provided by June 30, 2012.
- b) Final report that includes stakeholder input to be provided by September 30, 2012.

CSUS

To date the following deliverables have been completed by CSUS to provide user supports to the DCR system that collects individual outcomes on FSPs:

1. In October 2011, CSUS produced a revised Data Dictionary for the DCR system.
2. In January 2012, Data Quality Reports were provided to each county based on the data reported to the DCR since inception. Information was provided at the county, program and provider level to assist counties in identifying inconsistent or aberrant data points.
3. In February 2012, a DCR User Manual was released that provides detailed instructions on how to use the DCR system, including how to correct and extract data. Previously, no manual existed for users.
4. In February 2012, Partner-Level Data Templates were released to allow counties to view a summary of a client's historical data in the DCR.

The following are upcoming deliverables to be provided by CSUS:

- In April 2012, detailed technical instructions on how to produce two types of reports, also referred to as "Application Notes," will be provided to the counties. This will allow counties to download data in order for them to create the reports on their own.

Current Deliverables (continued):

- In May 2012, regional trainings will be provided on using the overall DCR system, including basic statistical analysis, interpretation and presentation of FSP data.
- In June 2012, digital video of the above-listed trainings will be provided.

Status of Priorities for Use of \$875 K

As mentioned above, on November 17, 2011 the Commission approved three priorities for use of the \$875,000 evaluation funds. Below is a status update on how the priorities are moving forward so that the funds can be encumbered for the current Fiscal Year.

Reducing Disparity Evaluation

A Request for Proposers (RFP) will be issued this month seeking proposers to evaluate the impact of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) as well as state and local policies and practices on the disparities in access to, quality of, and outcomes of the public mental health system by age, gender, race ethnicity and primary language and other relevant preferred variables. At the May 2012 MHSOAC meeting Commissioners will be presented with a recommendation as to entity to be award this contract. The contract must be executed before June 30, 2012 to encumber the funds.

Early Intervention Evaluation

An RFP will also be issued this month for the Early Intervention Evaluation for an award at the May 2012 Commission meeting. The purpose of this RFP is to conduct an evaluation of MHSA early intervention programs. This evaluation represents one step in a multi-phased approach to continuous evaluation of the MHSA focused on accountability and quality improvement, guided by MHSA values and principles.

This evaluation will provide information to policy makers and the public to further their understanding about the use and impact of Prevention and Early Intervention funds for early intervention for individuals with and at risk of serious mental illness and their families. The evaluation will also provide information for mental health consumers, their families, and service providers, including identifying effective practices to improve early intervention services.

The MHSOAC will seek proposals to address the Objectives and Deliverables that will be described in the RFP.

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Status of Priorities for Use of \$875 K (continued)

Data Quality Interagency Agreement

Based on the MHSOAC's priority to dedicate funding to data quality, the existing interagency agreement with CSUS will be expanded to add statewide webinars, additional regional trainings on how to analyze FSP outcomes, increased data quality reports, and a statewide plan to correct data. The Commission's approval of the proposed amendment to the interagency agreement will be requested at the May 2012 meeting.