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DATE OF MEETING: 5/10/12

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AGENDA ITEMS: Consider Recommendation to Authorize the Executive Director to enter into Interagency Agreement for Early Intervention Evaluation

ENCLOSURES: None

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEMS: Power Point will be provided separately

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.

To implement this priority, the MHSOAC released a Request for Proposals (RFP) in March 2012 for the Early Intervention evaluation, which was identified as a priority to support the Commission's continuing evaluation efforts. The competitive bid process did not produce a viable bidder qualified to perform the Early Intervention evaluation.

The funding available for this evaluation priority must be encumbered by June 30, 2012, which prevents sufficient time to re-advertise for potential proposers. Accordingly, the Commission is requested to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an interagency agreement/contract with a California State University, or University of California, or other entity that has the qualifications listed in the RFP and for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 which is the amount approved by the Commission in November 2011.

BACKGROUND:

On November 17, 2011 the Commission approved three priorities for the use of \$875,000 in evaluation funds for FY 2011-12 as recommended by the Evaluation Committee. The evaluation of the Early Intervention programs was one of the three priorities selected by the Commission. The Commission approved the approximate cost of \$200,000-300,000 for this priority. The Early Intervention evaluation Scope of Work and Provider Qualifications were developed based upon the approved priority recommendations. The RFP issued in March sought proposers to conduct an evaluation of the MHSOAC early intervention programs. The evaluation represents one step in a multi-phased approach to continuous evaluation of the MHSOAC focused on accountability and quality improvement, guided by MHSOAC values and principles. In addition, the evaluation will provide information to policy makers and the public to further their understanding of 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 RFP was disseminated on March 23, 2012 through the California Department of General Services's BidSync system. The RFP was sent to over 2,247 subscribers of

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BACKGROUND (continued):

which 48 downloaded. In addition it was distributed to the MHSOAC's List Serve, which has 1,500 subscribers and it was posted to the MHSOAC website. No bids responsive to RFP requirements were received.

The proposed Interagency Agreement/contract must be executed by June 30, 2012 to encumber available funding in the current fiscal year.

In negotiating with a university or other entity, the Executive Director would look for an entity that meets the minimum qualifications to provide the deliverables in the scope of work which were specified in the RFP. Below is the list of the minimum qualifications:

1. Comparable experience in program evaluation, including experience evaluating public mental health systems
2. Experience that demonstrates capability to manage a project of similar duration and funding
3. Comparable experience in advanced data management and data analysis
4. Demonstrated experience in setting up and working with diverse consumer/family advisory groups and working with other stakeholders, including local program, data, and research experts
5. Experience in evaluating cultural competence and reducing mental health disparities and in culturally competent approaches to evaluation
6. Experience in incorporating concepts of client and family resilience and recovery into evaluations
7. Experience working with public datasets, including entering into Data Sharing Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) for access to public data that included full Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance

Below is an overview of deliverables.

1. Use of PEI Funds for Early Intervention
2. Evaluation of Early Intervention Program/Efforts
3. Final Report to include recommendations

Proposed Motion

Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an interagency agreement/contract not to exceed \$300,000 with a California State University, or University of California, or other entity for evaluations of Early Intervention programs.