

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION (MHSOAC)
Evaluation Committee
MHSOAC Conference Room
1300 17th Street, Suite 1000
Sacramento, CA 95811
August 22, 2012
1:00 P.M. to 4:35 P.M.**

Committee Members Present:

Richard Van Horn, Chair
David Pating, MD, Vice Chair*
Viviana Criado
Debbie Innes-Gomberg*
Toby Ewing
Karen Stockton
Steve Leoni
Rusty Selix*
Kathleen Derby
Denise Hunt
Stephanie Welch
Karen Stockton

Staff:

Carol Hood
Sandy Lyon
Sherri Gauger
Filomena Yeroshek
Renay Bradley, PhD
Aaron Carruthers
Kevin Hoffman
Deborah Lee, PhD*

Other Attendees:

Linda Dickerson, PhD
Maria Hernandez
Saumitra Sengupta, PhD
Joan Meisel, PhD
Molly Brassil
Raul Sanchez*
Mike Reiter
Kate Watkins, MD*

*Participated via telephone

Welcome/Introductions

Commissioner Van Horn convened the meeting at approximately 1:09 p.m.

- All meeting participants introduced themselves, and stated their membership affiliation.
- Commissioner Van Horn thanked everyone for their participation and outlined the agenda for the meeting. He informed members that the current committee membership term will end in December 2012 and that the application period for membership recruitment for the next two year term will be in September and advised members to apply if they are interested in being considered for participation in 2013-14.

Review and Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as written regarding the July 23, 2012 meeting.

Update on Current Evaluation Activities

Staff provided an update on currently underway evaluation activities, including draft reports submitted by UCLA regarding the priority indicators and FSP cost/cost offsets that are currently available for stakeholder input, and two new contracts on reducing disparities and prevention and early intervention programs.

- Highlights of the update:
 - The UCLA reports are in draft format and available for stakeholder input to be submitted by August 27, 2012 to allow time for the final reports to be completed and submitted by September 30, 2012. Staff noted the

- reports may change significantly from what UCLA provided on June 30, 2012 due to feedback provided by OAC staff to UCLA.
- A suggestion was made that the Committee be involved in the feedback process for UCLA reports and to communicate any concerns. It was noted that the stakeholder input period provides the opportunity for Committee Members to provide their input.
 - A comment suggested that the data being used to compile information in the UCLA reports should be described in the reports by informing where it came from that also includes the association of its relationship to the information.
 - The evaluation on the reduction of disparities is intended to look at how disparities have changed as a result of the MHSA, and will use participatory research and qualitative methods to capture perceptions of those with lived experience regarding the assessment of disparity reduction.
 - For the reducing disparities project, it was suggested to consider statewide regions verses county size when looking at the way various population numbers are reported because the differences are noteworthy when evaluating disparities.

Public comment was received and incorporated in the with the Committee member discussion.

Update on the Evaluation Master Plan

Dr. Joan Meisel, contractor for the MHSOAC, provided an update on the development of the Evaluation Master Plan that the Committee provided input on.

The Power Point for the presentation that described the outcomes from site visits to four selected counties regarding their current capacity that included some preliminary impressions from other states is accessible at the following link:

http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/Meetings/docs/Meetings/2012/Aug/Eval_082212_Tab3_MasterPlanUpdate.pdf

There was no public comment received regarding this agenda item.

Finalize Recommendations to be Presented to the MHSOAC for the Use of the FY 2012-13 Evaluation Resources

Staff led the discussion regarding recommendations to be presented to the Commission related to evaluation priorities and funding levels for FY 2012-13.

- Highlights of the discussion include the following:
 - The Committee considered eleven proposals that resulted from options proposed by Dr. Joan Meisel, MHSOAC consultant, consistent with development of the Evaluation Master Plan, that included other options generated by Committee Members and MHSOAC staff
 - Committee Members that were affiliated with organizations that may intend to bid on the proposals recused themselves from discussion and voting on recommendations.

- There was strong support from Committee Members for Proposal J (Impact of Community Planning Process through Participatory Research) and M (Baseline Priority Indicator Data)
 - Some of the Committee Members supported Proposal E (Innovation Program Evaluations) and F (Build on PEI Framework by RAND), for which the Committee provided their perspectives but could not reach consensus on. For both proposals, Committee members questioned whether or not it was the appropriate time to move forward with these projects (since Innovation projects may not be in a place where they could be easily evaluated and the RAND PEI framework was not yet finalized at the time of the meeting).
 - Proposals A (Program/Provider Level Data Reports on FSP for Quality Improvement), B (FSP Impact on Individual Outcomes), and G (Strengthen State Data Systems) received good support from Committee Members, who also noted that these projects should be collapsed together into one concept to be carried out in a cohesive manner; several ideas for ways these concepts could be further strengthened were also shared and considered.
 - An additional phone meeting was suggested by MHSOAC staff prior to the Commission meeting because consensus was not reached by Committee Members regarding support for some of the proposed evaluation projects. The MHSOAC Chief Deputy Executive Director suggested that there is not enough time to prepare for and hold a meeting prior to the September Commission meeting (at which Commissioners would review and vote on evaluation funding recommendations).
- Public comment was received and incorporated in with the Committee member discussion

Update on PEI Evaluation Framework, Developed by RAND, Contractor with CalMHSA

Stephanie Welch, representing CalMHSA, provided an update regarding the PEI Evaluation Framework being developed by RAND, contractor with CalMHSA. Kate Watkins, representing RAND, provided additional updates via the phone.

Topics for Future Agenda Items

Time was not available for this agenda item.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.