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Policy Paper

Accountability through Evaluative Efforts Focusing on Oversight, Accountability and Evaluation

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Purpose

- Provide a high level overview of the Policy Paper: "Accountability through Evaluative Efforts Focusing on Oversight, Accountability and Evaluation" adopted by the MHSOAC in November 2010

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Commission Role



- The primary role of the Commission is to ensure oversight and accountability of the public mental health system.

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Commission Role



- Other MHSOAC Statutory Duties related to Evaluation include (cont.):
 - Ensure adequate research and evaluation regarding the effectiveness of services being provided and achievement of the outcome measures set forth in the Adult and Older Adult Systems Care Act and the Children's Mental Health Services Act (W&I § 5892(d))
 - Obtain data and information from the State Department of Health Care Services, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, or other state or local entities that receive Mental Health Services Act funds, for the commission to utilize in its oversight, review, training and technical assistance, accountability, and evaluation capacity regarding projects and programs supported with Mental Health Services Act funds (W&I § 5845(d)(6))

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Commission Role



- Other MHSOAC Statutory Duties related to Evaluation (cont.)
 - Ensure MHSOAC funds are expended in the most cost effective manner and services are provided in accordance with recommend best practices subject to local and state oversight to ensure accountability to taxpayers and to the public (Uncodified Section 3(e) of MHSOAC)
 - Collaborate with DHCS and CMPHC and consult with CMHDA in designing a comprehensive joint plan for a coordinated evaluation of client outcomes in the community-based mental health system, including but not limited to the parts specifically listed in the MHSOAC. CHHS has lead. (W&I § 5845(d)(12))

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Evaluation Principles



- The Commission's approach to evaluation is focused on quality improvement.
 - Specifically, the MHSOAC is committed to an approach of continuous evaluation, learning from and building upon each progressive completed evaluation.

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Evaluation Principles (cont.)



- MHSOAC Principles for Evaluation include:
 - Methodologically sound
 - Consistent with MHSA objectives
 - Meaningful to consumers and family members
 - Culturally and linguistically competent
 - Produces timely and consistent data reports
 - Prioritizes use of existing information
 - Contributes to continuous quality improvement in policy and development of services

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Core Questions of Evaluation



The following are examples of the core questions ongoing evaluation efforts will address in depth:

1. How has the money been used?
2. What has been the impact of investments in mental health?
3. What could be done to improve efficiency and effectiveness of investments?

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Conclusion



- The Commission currently has \$875,000 per year available to support evaluations.