

PROPOSAL "M" FOR FY 2012/13 MHSA EVALUATION

Name of Proposed Evaluation: Collection of Baseline Priority Indicator Data

Brief Description:

One of the primary objectives of the MHSA is to evaluate the impact of the MHSA on system and individual/family level outcomes. Achievement of this objective involves a clear understanding of the state that these outcomes were in prior to implementation of the MHSA. In other words, to establish whether any change in systems has occurred as a result of the MHSA, we need to establish a baseline for system and individual/family outcomes. To date, the MHSA has not collected baseline data for such outcomes. This project proposes to use funds to establish such a baseline for system and individual/family level outcomes.

In order to establish a baseline, currently available data (e.g., Client and Services Information) will be gathered from a time point prior to full implementation of the MHSA (e.g., 2004-2005). Focus will be placed on priority indicators that have been approved by the MHSA. This data will be gathered together and then used as a point of comparison against data currently collected and available on priority indicators from more recent years (e.g., 2008-2010). Comparison of the newly collected baseline data (i.e., data regarding outcomes prior to MHSA implementation) to the more recently collected post-MHSA implementation data will enable us to draw conclusions regarding change that may have occurred as a direct result of the MHSA. In addition, completion of a baseline for priority indicators pertaining to all MHSA consumers will provide us with a broader understanding of MHSA impact that goes beyond Full Service Partnerships, which have been a focus of evaluation efforts in recent years.

Purpose (check all that apply)

- Inform and Improve Services Assess and Communicate Impact
- Inform and Improve Policy Gain Insight
- Affect Those Who Participate in the Inquiry
- Other, specify _____

Audience and Uses

Policy makers, counties, providers, clients and family members, and other stakeholders would be interested in this information, as well as the results of the outcome impact analyses, to better understand the impact of the MHSA on system and individual/family level outcomes.

Questions

- How have system and individual/family level outcomes changed as a result of the MHSA?

Priority Goals/Outcomes/Indicators from MHSA/SOC Statute

Evaluation design to include system/program and individual/family outcomes.

Outcome Consistent with MHSA Logic Model

Strategies 1, 5, 6, and 7.

MHSA Estimated Funding Need \$0-\$175,000

- One-year only Multi-year