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Mental Health Services
Oversight & Accountability Commission

Evaluation Committee Meeting
Minutes
April 18, 2013
1:00 AM – 4:00 PM
1300 17TH Street, Suite 1000
Sacramento, CA 95811

Committee Members:	Staff:	Other Attendees:
David Pating, Chair Denise Hunt Vivian Criado Davis Ja Saumitra SenGupta Margaret Walkover Karen Stockton Dave Pilon* Steve Leoni*	Renay Bradley Kevin Hoffman Filomena Yeroshek Deborah Lee Cynthia Burt Ashley Mills Keely Connelly	Suzanne Tavano Pete LaFollette* Raúl Sanchez* Elizabeth Harris*

*Participation by phone

Committee members absent: Victor Carrion, Kathleen Derby, Debbie Innes-Gomberg, Rusty Selix, Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, Linda Dickerson, Stephanie Welch, Stephanie Oprendek.

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order and roll call of the committee members was conducted. Ashley Mills, Research Program Specialist, was introduced to the committee and gave an overview of her experience prior to joining the MHSOAC.

New Evaluation Committee meeting dates for June and October were announced (new dates are June 27th and October 24th).

Review and Approve Minutes from February 19, 2013 Evaluation Committee Meeting

The minutes from February 19, 2013 were amended as follows. Page 3 of the February 19, 2013 minutes needs to be amended to read “Stanislaus has included evaluation in their Innovations projects” (rather than “Stanislaus is getting ready to evaluate an Innovation project”). Saumitra SenGupta asked that the spelling of his last name in the minutes be corrected (so that there is no space in between “Sen” and “Gupta”). Denise Hunt made the motion to pass the minutes. Davis Ja seconded. Minutes approved with corrections.

Chair Pating asked that everyone at the table go around and introduce themselves.

Open Discussion: The Current State of Evaluation Efforts in Counties, the State, and Nationally

Chair Pating started off by letting all attendees know that we'd be starting the meeting with an open discussion of evaluation related topics and invited members to bring up any items that they wished to share or discuss. The themes discussed were:

- What's happening with the state evaluation infrastructure and databases; are different departments talking to each other (e.g., EQRO, Department of Health Care Services, Department of Public Health, the MHSOAC)?
- What is the quality of data and county databases? We need a unified plan to assess the whole system and consider what needs to happen moving forward. The MHSOAC's Evaluation Master Plan includes the notion of a "feasibility" project that would enable the state to consider what a new system might need and look like.
- In response to requests from Evaluation Committee members, the MHSOAC staff announced that we would be starting to plan for an Evaluation Summit or Forum to have a better understanding of the evaluation efforts going on throughout the State. Prior to convening such a meeting, we would need to identify a specific focus for the meeting and ensure that the focus would allow for the MHSOAC to work toward an objective(s) identified in the Evaluation Master Plan (e.g., development of a performance monitoring system; carrying out a statewide data collection and reporting system feasibility study).
- After a considerable amount of discussion, the group concluded that a Summit may be too early at this point and that the Committee needs to consider the potential objectives of a Summit before any such meeting takes place.
- Chair Pating went over what important issues the committee currently needs to consider and be kept aware of, including the priority indicators and the MHSOAC's performance monitoring system, the data / data collection and reporting systems, and how our evaluation efforts can be used to promote quality improvements throughout the mental health system.

Public Comment

- Public comment (telephonic) from stakeholder in Ventura County.

Report Out of Full Service Partnership (FSP) Cost/Cost Offset Report Workgroup

- Chair Pating shared the FSP Cost/Cost Offset Report Executive Summary and how he would like to see it condensed down to a page that could be easily understood and shared with many interested groups and stakeholders.
- The workgroup and committee discussed the important items to include in the one-page summary (e.g., important findings, service and program oriented next steps/action items, and future research).
- The committee discussed the "story" that could be shared about the FSP report. MHSOAC staff will generate a one-page document based on discussion had by the workgroup and committee.

Public Comment

- No public comment

Update on MHSOAC Evaluation Projects: Evaluation Master Plan and Implementation Plan; Innovation Evaluation

Renay updated the Committee on evaluation projects:

- The Evaluation Master Plan and Implementation Plan were adopted at the March 28, 2013 Commission Meeting.
- A budget change proposal was developed for the Department of Finance, which included a request for more positions/funds for the next fiscal year.
- The RFP for the Innovation Evaluation received two proposals; neither passed the scoring process, thus, the MHSOAC is considering its options to complete the work.

General Public Comment

- No general public comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:57