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Mental Health Services
Oversight & Accountability Commission

Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2013
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
1300 17TH Street, Suite 1000
Sacramento, CA 95811

Committee Members:	Staff:	Other Attendees:
David Pating, Chair Victor Carrion, Vice Chair Linda Dickerson Denise Hunt* Debbie Innes-Gomberg* Viviana Criado* Davis Ja Dave Pilon Steve Leoni Rusty Selix* Stephanie Oprendek* Karen Stockton Margaret Walkover Stephanie Welch*	Renay Bradley Ashley Mills Brian Geary Deborah Lee	Raja Mitry* David Czarnecki

*Participation by phone

Committee members absent: Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, Saumitra SenGupta

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order and everyone in the room and over the phone introduced him or herself. Commissioner Pating thanked Committee Members Denise Hunt and Kathleen Derby for their service to the Committee.

1. Review and Approve Minutes from June 27, 2013 Evaluation Committee Meeting

After the Committee took a moment to review the minutes, Davis Ja made the motion to pass the minutes. Minutes approved.

2. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2013/14 Planned Evaluation Activity: Determine Effectiveness of Methods for Engaging and Serving Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Clients

- The discussion began with the group giving input on the usefulness of the process of gathering feedback from the Evaluation Committee ahead of the RFP creation.
- Renay reminded the group that this is one of two new evaluation contracts to begin in Fiscal Year 2013/14 and then reviewed the description of the TAY study from the Evaluation Master Plan soliciting feedback for the details of the project.
- The Committee discussed specific aspects of the TAY population and how the unique makeup of the client population offers unique challenges in terms of services and research (e.g. information barriers and specific needs of that age group.)
- The scope of the study was discussed at length.
- Several recommendations were made
    - We should look at the programs that exist across the state, who is evaluating them and what are the outcomes.
    - We should determine what we are doing, should be doing, and are not doing for the TAY population.
    - One of the potential outcomes of the study should possibly be to make policy recommendations.
- Several members offered to follow up with Renay to provide specific TAY resources that could help to define the scope of the RFP including individual providers, CMHDA Workgroup and resources and specific subject matter experts.

No Public Comment

3. Report Out from Data Strengthening Workgroup

- Renay gave the Committee an overview of the first Data Strengthening Workgroup Meeting. She explained how the Workgroup met to discuss how to go about making plans to achieve the objectives that pertained to strengthening statewide data collection and reporting systems. Specific items covered by the Workgroup were:
    - Discussed and agreed upon goals for the Workgroup
    - Determined next steps and conclusions
    - Need for, and a set of goals for, a 'Technical Workgroup' to supplement the Data Strengthening Workgroup
    - Discussed and compiled a list of Questions/Issues that need to be considered
    - Discussed a list of questions to consider regarding both existing systems and potential new ones

4. Report Out from Community Program Planning Evaluation Workgroup

Ashley reported the Workgroup's discussion regarding research questions, methods, and overall approach of the draft *Report of Research Design and Data Collection Training Plan* (Deliverable 1) prepared by Research Development Associates (RDA) for the Community Program Planning (CPP) Process Evaluation.

Overall, the Workgroup found the report to be lacking objective outcomes, cultural competency, and was too client-centered (e.g. not involving a more diverse array of stakeholders.)

5. Report Out on Integration Paper Second Reading and Adoption by the Commission

Ashley gave an overview of the Evaluation-related elements of the Integration Paper. Chair Pating then gave the group some background on the origins of the document and it's evolution from draft to adoption by the Commission.

6. Discuss Policy Paper *Accountability through Evaluative Efforts Focusing on Oversight, Accountability and Evaluation* to Determine if it Needs Revision

The Committee had a brief discussion regarding the background, content, audience and purpose for this document and concluded after a short time that they were ready to vote on whether it needed amending in 2014. Davis Ja made the motion to revise the document, and the motion was agreed.

General Public Comment

- No Public Comment

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:48