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DATE OF MEETING: 01/24/13

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AGENDA ITEM: Evaluation Master Plan – First Read

ENCLOSURES: • MHSOAC Evaluation Master Plan Draft as of 12/28/12

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: None

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**Issue:**

As the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) has taken on a robust role in evaluation, it is faced with many possible evaluation projects and competing priorities. The MHSOAC is seeking a plan for prioritizing possibilities into a three to five year course of action for evaluation investments and activities.

**Background:**

Evaluation is a principle oversight strategy for the MHSOAC as named in statute, incorporated in the MHSOAC Logic Model, and detailed in the policy paper adopted by the Commission titled, “Accountability through Evaluative Efforts Focusing on Oversight, Accountability and Evaluation.” Evaluation is one function the MHSOAC uses to see that Mental Health Services Act funds are expended in a cost effective manner and that the investments are leading to improvements for the consumers of the public mental health system.

The MHSOAC has already completed 55 evaluation deliverables and has another 39 deliverables underway. In 2011, as the MHSOAC Evaluation Committee considered priorities for future evaluation projects, it recommended that the Commission consider developing an Evaluation Master Plan so that evaluation is completed as a unified effort as compared to an ad hoc basis. In November 2011, the Commission advanced the Committee recommendation and the MHSOAC entered into a contract with consultant Joan Meisel Ph.D. to draft a plan through a collaborative effort with state departments, counties, and stakeholders.

The MHSOAC Evaluation Master Plan is the result of findings from interviews with approximately 40 key informant interviews along with county visits. The plan focuses on individual, system, and community outcomes; provides specific evaluation activities and a general system by which to prioritize those and future evaluation activities; and identifies strategies for successful completion of all items described and prioritized in the plan. While the major focus of the plan is on the MHSA, the scope of the plan is broader.

MHSOAC Joan Meisel Ph.D. will present her draft to the Commission for a first read. Staff will then incorporate feedback and provide its version at its March 28, 2013 meeting for a second read. Commissioners can consider adopting the Evaluation Master Plan at its March 28, 2013 meeting.