

# United Advocates for Children and Families (UACF)

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**MHSOAC MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2012**



## Purpose

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- To review the draft Scope of Work
- Consider the proposed motion

## UACF Contract

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### Supports:

- Inclusion of children, youth and their families living with mental illness in mental health community planning and policy considerations
- Support, information, and opportunities for constituents to ensure that their voices are heard by policy makers on issues relevant to Prop 63 mental health treatment provisions

## Background

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### Contract

- UACF was previously supported through DMH
- With the elimination of DMH, this contract was assigned by the Governor and Legislature to the MHSOAC for specific organization and dollar amounts
- The MHSOAC now has responsibility to administer this contract and has developed the following strengthened deliverables

## Contract Deliverables

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1. Capacity Building and Education Efforts
2. Develop an Evaluation and Outcome Monitoring and Tracking System
3. Parent Leadership Program
4. Assist with MHSOAC Evaluation Efforts
5. Board Activities

### **Deliverable 1:** Capacity Building and Education Efforts



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- **Trainings and Workshops**
  - Increase family members' knowledge of: children's mental health disorders, evidence-based treatment, their rights and responsibilities within public programs, and local resources
  - 6 trainings and/or workshops per fiscal year
  - Training Summary Report to the MHSOAC
- **California Mental Health Advocates for Children and Youth Conference (CMHACY)**
  - Develop CMHACY Pre-Conference
  - Facilitate Annual UACF membership meeting
  - Participate in CMHACY Policy Panel
  - Host a Parent Partner Coalition in-person meeting

**Deliverable 1:****Capacity Building and Education Efforts (Cont.)**

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- **UACF Parent Empowerment Chapters**
  - Collaborate with local communities to build a community support system for parents, caregivers, families and youth
  - Build 12 Chapters throughout the state and develop the following:
    - Three-Year Parent Empowerment Chapter Strategic Plan
    - Parent Empowerment Chapter Toolkit
    - Quarterly Parent Empowerment Chapter Progress Report
- **Information Dissemination**
  - Improve Statewide access to mental health resources to increase the capacity of families, youth and children
  - Quarterly Newsletter and Monthly E-Alerts
  - Monthly Media Report
  - Monthly Website Summary and Analytics

**Deliverable 2: Develop an Evaluation and Outcome Monitoring and Tracking System**

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- **Data Evaluation and Outcome**
  - Develop a system to gauge effectiveness of deliverables and the reporting of their findings for program assessment
    - Establish criteria for evaluating contract deliverables
    - Develop data collection tool
    - Establish evaluation process
  - Quarterly Data Report to MHSOAC regarding findings

### **Deliverable 3:** **Parent Leadership Program**

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- **Parent Partner Coalition (PPC)**
  - Educate and empower parent partners to advocate at local level
  - Develop 3-year strategic plan
  - Conduct monthly meetings
- **Stakeholder Meetings**
  - Develop partnerships and attend variety of state level meetings
  - Identify opportunities for parent/caregiver/family member participation
- **Parent Leadership Empowerment Program**
  - Develop training program to engage family members
  - Establish process to involve parents/caregivers/family members in policy issues
  - UACF staff to establish relationships with Assembly and Senate

### **Deliverable 4:** **Assist with MHSOAC Evaluation Efforts**

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- **Be an active member of the PEERS' Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)**
  - Meet in-person two times and participate in bimonthly teleconferences
    - Work with SAC project team and under guidance of the Evaluators, assist with the development of three different methodologies to collect meaningful data
  - Meet with the SAC project team to:
    - Brainstorm potential survey questions, outreach strategies, and inventory structure
    - Review and provide input on the draft of the inventory summary report

**Deliverable 4:****Assist with MHSOAC Evaluation Efforts (Cont.)**

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- **Be an active member of the Executive Subcommittee of the SAC**
  - Monthly Teleconferences
  - Work with Project team to create training products or curricula for consumers ( these products will be provided to the counties for their information)
  - Participate in project team meetings with SAC to revise curricula, participants' learning materials and facilitators guides
  - Attend an in-person meeting to design the approach to establish an expert pool and how to best utilize the expert pool
  - Conduct needs assessment to identify areas of expertise for pool of experts
  - Review applications and select pool of 6-12 experts

**Deliverable 5:****Board Activities**

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- **UACF Board Meetings**
  - Aid in development of all the overall program design/3-year strategic plans
  - Perform key activities within their region as identified in plans
  - Convene and review quarterly progress reports
  - Assist UACF program staff with course correction, planning and implementation activities

## Proposed Motion

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- **The MHSOAC authorizes the Executive Director to execute the contract with United Advocates for Children and Families (UACF) for three years for a total amount of \$1,310,485 and an annual amount of \$436,828 for the deliverables outlined by staff.**