



Recommendation to Authorize Executive Director to
Enter into Contract focused on Assessment and
Strengthening of Innovation Program Evaluations

April 25, 2013 Commission Meeting

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Presentation Outline

- ▣ MHSOAC commitment to evaluation
- ▣ Overview of Assessment and Strengthening of Innovation Program Evaluations Contract
- ▣ Proposed motion

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Issue

- ▣ Request for Proposals (RFP) issued to begin a competitive process to select a contractor for the MHSOAC's Assessment and Strengthening of Innovation (INN) Evaluations
- ▣ Scoring process was completed and resulted in no "passing" proposals
- ▣ MHSOAC will consider allowing the Executive Director to enter into contract to complete the Assessment and Strengthening of INN Evaluations

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MHSOAC Commitment to Evaluation

- ▣ "The MHSOAC is committed to an approach of continuous evaluation, learning from and building upon each progressive completed evaluation. The approach will be focused on quality improvement."
 - ▣ MHSOAC adopted Policy Paper, *Accountability through Evaluative Efforts*

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MHSA Innovative (INN) Programs

- ▣ INN Programs are intended to pilot and evaluate time-limited new or changed mental health practices, with a primary focus on contributing to learning rather than on providing service
- ▣ INN funds are intended to provide counties with the opportunity to test new/changed approaches with the potential to strengthen current and future mental health practices in the originating county and throughout California communities

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Overview of INN Evaluation: Scope of Work

- ▣ Inventory evaluations of INN Programs and evaluate the efficacy of those evaluations
 - Identify general principles for conducting high quality Innovation evaluations for the range of Innovative Programs and counties
- ▣ Develop and implement assistance that will facilitate counties' ability to conduct rigorous evaluations of INN Programs
 - The assistance must support counties' capacity to use evaluation results to make decisions and action plans regarding adoption and dissemination of INN Programs
- ▣ Develop policy recommendations to further bolster the INN component

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Overview of INN Evaluation: Deliverables

1. Report of Proposed Inventory Method and Evaluation Design
2. Inventory of County-Level INN Evaluations
3. Report of Evaluation Results and Promising Practices
4. Develop and Provide Tools, Training, and Technical Assistance to Counties
5. Report of INN Evaluation Policy Recommendations

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Presentation of Proposed Contractor Qualifications

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Proposed Motion

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract for not more than \$200,000 to complete the Scope of Work and Deliverables focused on the assessment and strengthening of Innovation Program Evaluations.