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DATE OF MEETING: 11/21/13

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AGENDA ITEM: Consider Recommendation to Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Contract Not to Exceed \$500,000 for the Evaluation of Methods for Engaging and Serving Transition Age Youth (TAY) (Action)

ENCLOSURES:

- Evaluation of Methods for Engaging and Serving Transition Age Youth Scope of Work
- PowerPoint: Recommendation to Authorize the Executive Director to Execute an Interagency Agreement with the University of California, San Diego to Conduct an Evaluation of Methods for Engaging and Serving Transition Age Youth (TAY)

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: None

ISSUE:

In March 2013, the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) adopted the *MHSOAC Evaluation Master Plan*, which outlines a series of priority evaluation activities to complete over the next five years, as well as a prioritization process to consider which activities to focus on in future years. The Commission also approved the *MHSOAC Evaluation Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2013/14-2017/18*. This plan maps out the order in which the evaluation activities could be completed based on the prioritization when the Master Plan was initially adopted. Included in the Implementation Plan are two contract activities for this fiscal year 2013/14. One of those activities is a study to conduct an Evaluation of Methods for Engaging and Serving Transition Age Youth (TAY).

BACKGROUND:

The University of California, San Diego (UCSD) with Dr. Todd Gilmer as lead researcher has been selected as the contractor through an interagency agreement to conduct the Evaluation of Methods for Engaging and Serving TAY Clients. The rationale for using UCSD and an interagency agreement is as follows:

1. Interagency agreements are exempt from the competitive bidding requirements.
2. Evaluation Committee Members and current MHSOAC contractors highly recommended Dr. Gilmer based on his breadth of knowledge and MHSOAC-related work.
3. Dr. Gilmer has conducted prior research on MHSOAC services and clients, including FSPs and TAY and is a subject matter expert in these areas.

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4. Dr. Gilmer meets the contractor qualifications that the MHSOAC typically seeks out via evaluation RFPs.
5. Using an interagency agreement contract versus going out to bid via RFP allowed staff to take more time to work directly with Dr. Gilmer to develop the scope of work and deliverables for this contract.

At this time, the MHSOAC is requested to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an interagency agreement for not more than \$500,000 for the Evaluation of Methods for Engaging and Serving TAY with UCSD.

ACTION:

Proposed Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to execute an interagency agreement not to exceed \$500,000 with the University of California, San Diego to conduct an Evaluation of Methods for Engaging and Serving Transition Age Youth (TAY).