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**AGENDA ITEM:** Presentation on Participatory Research Methods and How They Have Been Utilized by the MHSOAC

**ENCLOSURES:** Powerpoint: Participatory Research and Use by the MHSOAC

**OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:** Eight Principles from the Public Community Planning Literature

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**ISSUE:**

Participatory research methods involve planning and conducting the research process with those people whose lived experience and services received are under study. The inquiry and the research questions develop out of the combination of two perspectives—that of science and of experience. In the best case, both sides benefit from the research process. This can be a very demanding process and successfully evolves when the researchers and those with lived experience meet, interact, and develop an understanding for each other throughout the entire research project.

MHSOAC staff members, Ashley Mills and Keith Erselius, will present an overview of various participatory research methods and will share a history of how they have been utilized in MHSOAC evaluations.