

# Adopt Revised Process on Prioritization Criteria

Agenda Item 8A  
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# Issue

- The MHSOAC-adopted Evaluation Master Plan established a prioritization process that includes a set of criteria by which potential evaluation activities can be judged
  - Process first used by Dr. Joan Meisel, Master Plan author, to determine activities for FY 2013/14
  - Same process next used by Evaluation Committee and MHSOAC Evaluation Staff to determine activities for FY 2014/15
  - We are now considering strengthening the process so that it can be used by the Evaluation Committee and MHSOAC Evaluation Staff to determine activities for FY 2015/16



# Original Prioritization Criteria

- **Consistency with MHSA:** Are the questions consistent with the language and values of the Act?
- **Potential for quality improvement:** Will answers to the question(s) lead to suggestions for and implementation of policy and practice changes?
- **Importance to stakeholders:** Are the questions a high priority to key stakeholders?
- **Possibility of partners:** Are there other organizations that might collaborate and/or partially fund the activity?
- **Context and forward looking:** Are there changes in the environment that make the question particularly relevant? (e.g., the evolving health care environment; political concerns)
- **Challenges:** Do the question(s) address an area that is creating a challenge for the system?
- **Feasibility:** How likely is the evaluation activity to produce information that answers the evaluation question(s)?
- **Cost:** How many resources are needed to do the activity well?
- **Timeliness:** How long will it take to complete the evaluation activity?
- **Leveraging:** Does the evaluation activity build upon prior work of the MHSOAC or others?



# Priority Setting for FY 2014/15

- Evaluation Committee members and MHSOAC Evaluation Staff used the original criteria to judge activities
  
- Activities judged included:
  - All yet-to-be-completed activities from the Master Plan
  - Activities recommended by contractors based on evaluation results
  - New activity ideas generated by Evaluation Committee members and other stakeholders



# Process for Revising Criteria

- Using the experience of working with the original criteria last year as a guide, staff worked with the Evaluation Committee to strengthen the criteria
- Staff and Committee Members reviewed and discussed each criterion in detail over a series of Committee meetings
- On August 5, 2014, the Evaluation Committee unanimously adopted the revised criteria being presented to the Commission today
- If adopted, these revised criteria will be used to establish evaluation activities for FY 2015/16



# Revised Criteria

Three initial screening criteria (yes/no) to determine if the activity should be considered for further rating:

1. Is the proposed research or evaluation activity consistent with the goals and values of the MHSA?
2. Does the proposed research or evaluation activity focus on one of the MHSOAC-adopted oversight and accountability focus areas? *(new)*
3. Does the proposed research or evaluation activity contribute to or facilitate the MHSOAC's ability to carry out one of the adopted oversight and accountability strategies? *(new)*



# Revised Criteria (cont.)

- Potential for Quality Improvement (*old criterion broadened to 5 items*)
- Cost Efficacy (*new*)
- Urgency of Need (*a.k.a., Challenges*)
- Importance to Stakeholders (*old criterion broadened to 3 items*)
- Leveraging—builds on prior work
- Leveraging—possibility of other partners/resources
- Relevance (*a.k.a., Forward Looking*)
- High Benefit-to-Challenge Ratio (*new*)
- Promotes an Integrated System (*new*)
- Wellness-, Recovery-, and Resilience-Focused (*new*)



# Summary of Revisions

- Original process:
  - All criteria weighted equally
  - Each criteria rated on a 3-point scale
  - No “don’t know” option (raters forced to rate all items)
  
- Revised process:
  - More important items weighted
    - ◆ Addition of three “yes/no” items
    - ◆ Multiple items for some criteria
  - Each criteria to be rated on a 5-point scale
  - “Don’t know” option included



# Summary of Revisions (cont.)

- Three old criteria deleted (cost, timeliness, feasibility)
- Five new criteria added (cost efficacy; high benefit-to-challenge ratio; promotes an integrated system; and wellness-, recovery-, and resilience-focused)



# Motion

- The MHSOAC approves the revised MHSOAC Evaluation Master Plan Prioritization Process Criteria.



# Questions?

