



MHSOAC Evaluation Master Plan and Implementation Plan

Brief Overview

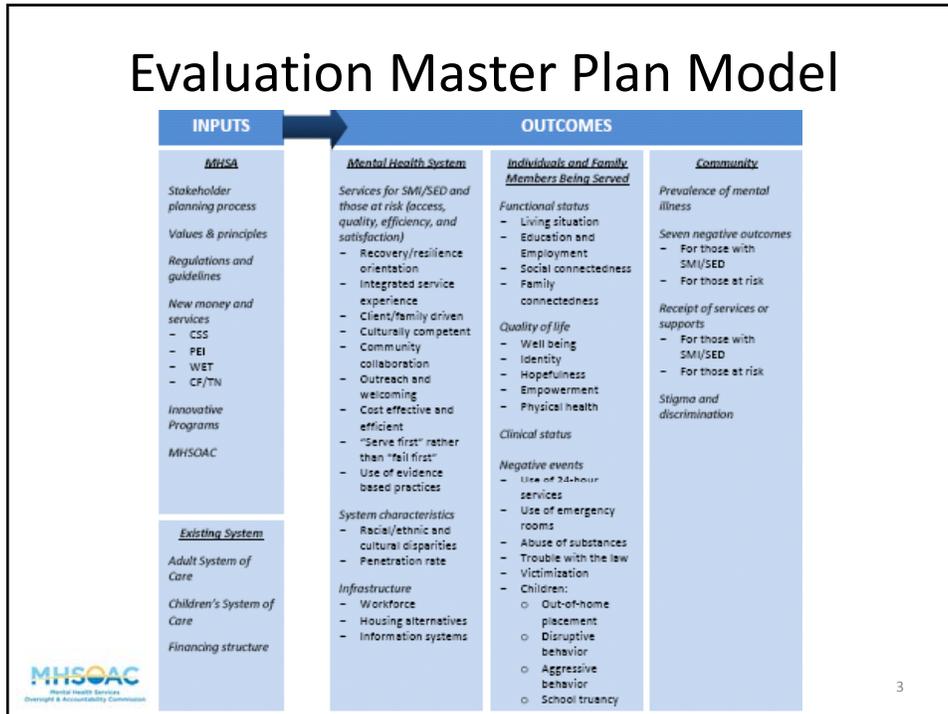
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Evaluation Master Plan

- **Goal:** To guide forthcoming evaluation efforts
- Developed based on findings from interviews with ~40 key informants and 4 county visits
 - Commissioners
 - Evaluation Committee Members
 - CA Mental Health Planning Council
 - CMHDA
 - CalMHSA
 - NAMI
 - Department of Mental Health

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Evaluation Master Plan Model



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- Model is intended to act as a guide for basic inputs and outcomes
 - “Inputs” are the contributions that the MHSA makes to CA’s mental health system
 - “Outcomes” are the things that we hope to positively affect via the inputs

Prioritization Process

- The Master Plan outlines a set of criteria for prioritizing evaluation questions to be addressed and the specific activities that would/could be used to address those questions
- Prioritization process will be revisited and used regularly to define what evaluation activities to focus on each year

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Prioritization Process

- The criteria applied to the evaluation questions include:
 - **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?
- The criteria for the evaluation activity include:
 - **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?

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Prioritization Process

- The prioritization process was used to generate a series of evaluation activities that we should carry out in the next 3-5 years
 - Process used initially to determine what to do in FY 2013/14
 - Process used in fall of 2013 to determine what to do in FY 2014/15
 - Process will be revisited and used again in fall of 2014 to determine what to do in FY 2015/16
 - Etc.

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Thank you!

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