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Mental Health Services
Oversight & Accountability Commission

Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2013
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
1300 17TH Street, Suite 1000
Sacramento, CA 95811

Committee Members:	Staff:	Other Attendees:
David Pating, Chair Victor Carrion, Vice Chair Linda Dickerson Debbie Innes-Gomberg* Viviana Criado Davis Ja Dave Pilon* Rusty Selix Stephanie Oprendek* Karen Stockton Margaret Walkover Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola* Saumitra SenGupta Joshua Morgan	Renay Bradley Ashley Mills Brian Geary Deborah Lee Sheridan Merritt Kevin Hoffman	Comm. Richard Van Horn Comm. Ralph Nelson Stacie Hiramoto Representatives from: Alameda County Contra Costa County Del Norte County Humboldt County Lake County Sacramento County San Benito County San Bernadino County San Diego County San Francisco County San Mateo County Stanislaus County

*Participation by phone

Committee members absent: Steve Leoni, Stephanie Welch

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order and everyone in the room and over the phone introduced him or herself. Several representatives from counties around the state attended the Evaluation Committee meeting. New Committee member, Joshua Morgan, and new MHSOAC staff member, Sheridan Merritt, introduced themselves.

1. Review and Approve Minutes from August 22, 2013 Evaluation Committee Meeting

After the Committee took a moment to review the minutes, Karen Stockton made the motion to pass the minutes; this motion was seconded by Linda Dickerson. Minutes approved.

2. Report Out of Phase III Final Report Work Group

MHSOAC staff member Ashley Mills gave the Committee a brief report out of the results of the UCLA Phase III Final Report Workgroup. The Workgroup met on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 to identify and discuss ideas for future research based on the final report; ideas included the following:

- Study of best practices within Full Service Partnerships (FSPs) that achieve the greatest cost offsets.
- Inventory and assessment of FSP characteristics, best practices, and possible promotion of replication.
- Costs are down but the number of FSP clients served has increased. What is behind the cost savings?
- Effects of recruitment and training of staff as it has impacted FSP service delivery.
- It appears we may be getting better at implementing FSPs. What factors are at work?
- What can be said about those who drop out of FSPs and those that transition out? Where are they now? (cohort study)
- Assessment of current quality of life measures for statewide implementation.
- Exploration of the use of registry system for clinical and system outcome measures.

Public Comment from Humboldt County

3. Report Out of Results from the Prioritization Process Used to Determine Recommended Evaluation Activities for Fiscal Year 2014/15

Renay Bradley reported out to the Committee on the outcome of the prioritization process laid out in the MHSOAC Evaluation Master Plan that staff and Committee Members completed to determine priority projects to implement in fiscal year 2014/15. The five priority projects to begin in FY 14/15 are:

- Determining the scope of implementation and effectiveness of evidence based practices (EBP) for children and their families
    - Staff will complete internally
    - Explore the feasibility of classifying Full Service Partnership programs in a meaningful fashion $500,000 contract to begin after July 1, 2014
- Determine the effectiveness of selected programs for Older Adults

    - Via RFP process
    - $500,000 contract to begin after July 1, 2014
- Explore the extent of, and variation in, the recovery orientation in programs
    - Via RFP process
    - $500,000 contract to begin after July 1, 2014
- Determine outcomes and costs savings related to provision of early psychosis programs, which are becoming a model of care for reducing disability of people with schizophrenia and other severely debilitating mental illness
    - Interagency agreement with UC Davis
    - Begin ~$150,000 contract in early 2014

Public comment was made by stakeholders in Humboldt and Sacramento Counties

4. Discuss Evaluation Committee Process to Promote Quality Improvement Efforts Using Evaluation Results for the Upcoming Year

Renay Bradley opened the discussion by recapping what the MHSOAC has done in 2013 regarding efforts to translate evaluation results into efforts aimed at quality improvement in services and the system as a whole through cooperation with other MHSOAC committees. Some progress was made, but there appears to be room for improvement in this area.

Renay presented two questions to the Committee regarding how to improve this process going forward: 1) What can the Evaluation staff and Committee do to develop the scopes of our evaluations so that they can help us move in the direction or improving the quality of our services and systems? 2) Once we do have evaluation results, what do we do with them to ensure that they are used in meaningful ways to improve our systems and services?

- The group discussed how evaluation studies need to show impact, validity, and quality improvement.
- The group discussed reporting requirements for timely provider level data in order to support quality improvement at the level of delivery of services – there is a need for individual outcome data that can roll up to team/provider/county/state level.
- The group had a lengthy discussion on what constitutes a best practice within Full Service Partnerships and also how to identify Evidence Based Practices (EBPs).
- There is a need, not only for studies to support quality improvement, but also to describe impact of MHSA programs and funding.

- It was recommended that work be done to strengthen the development of evaluations in order to influence the types of outcomes that are focused on.

Public comment by stakeholder from Humboldt County

5. Update on MHSOAC and Other Statewide Data Strengthening Efforts and Discussion Regarding Scheduling of Next Data Strengthening Work Group

Renay Bradley gave an update on the activities on data strengthening since the last Evaluation Committee meeting and asked for feedback for when the Data Strengthening Work Group should meet.

- There is no CSI/DCR feasibility study currently in the works with DHCS and CMHDA
- Plan to continue to advocate for a fully integrated statewide data system
- Made contact with other subject matter experts to help support the MHSOAC efforts with the process of potentially implementing new statewide systems
- Renay will look to the Data Strengthening Work Group to help determine where to focus MHSOAC Evaluation resources for the upcoming fiscal year

General Public Comment

Public comment by stakeholder in Sacramento County

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- Public comment from Sacramento County stakeholder

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:56