



**Policy Paper:
Accountability through Evaluative Efforts
Focusing on Oversight,
Accountability and Evaluation
Dated 11/8/2010**

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November 18, 2010**

Brief History

- In July 2010, MHSOAC Chair and Vice Chair requested staff to draft policy paper to announce that the MHSOAC is broadening its focus from implementation and county plan review to full scale program evaluation.
- Drafts provided to Commission for July, September, and October 2010 meetings.
- Discussion and input at Evaluation Committee in October and November 2010.

Recommended Motion

The Commission adopts the
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Summary--Priorities

Initial oversight, review and evaluation will be focused on projects and programs supported with MHSA funds.

As MHSA is more fully integrated into the community mental health system, the MHSOAC focus will be expanded to public community mental health system.

Summary--Principles

Builds on MHSOAC approved Evaluation Concept Paper (5/2008) that supported the following evaluation principles:

- Methodologically sound
- Consistent with MHSA objectives and meaningful to consumers and families
- Culturally competent
- Produces timely and consistent data reports
- Contributes to development of knowledge and competence
- Prioritizes use of existing information
- Timely

Summary--Examples of Core Questions and Analysis

- **Core Questions**
 - How has the money been used?
 - What has been the impact of the investments?
 - What could be done to improve efficiency and effectiveness of investments?
- **Analysis**
 - Consider context--economic, demographic and other critical issues.
 - Examine quality and timeliness of data.
 - Obtain effective input from individuals with lived experience and their families and other stakeholders.

Summary--Next Steps

- Phase 2 RFP
 - Proposals submitted, undergoing review/selection.
- Phase 3 RFP
 - Expected to be released December 2010.
- PEI
 - Update trends report.
 - Develop RFP and attempt to obtain resources for external evaluation.
- Build on each progressive phase collaborating with partners and stakeholders through Evaluation Committee.

Summary--Input from Evaluation Committee

The Evaluation Committee suggested the following changes which were included.

- Add analysis of stakeholder process.
- Clarify that all four age groups are included when using term “across the life span.”
- Emphasize outcome of reduction of disparities in addition to principle of cultural competence.
- Focus on continuous quality improvement that could affect policy development and services.

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