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AGENDA ITEM: Discussion and Input on Draft Evaluation Framework

ENCLOSURES: • Revised Draft MHSOAC's Evaluation Framework Part 1
Establishing MHSOAC Evaluation Priorities, April 13, 2011

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

Issue:

One of the priorities of the Commission identified in the 2011 MHSOAC Work Plan is to continue to implement an accountability framework. The MHSOAC Evaluation Committee Charter includes development of an Evaluation Framework to support the Commission's focus on oversight and accountability. The Framework is intended to build on the Accountability Policy Paper that was adopted by the Commission in November 2010. The Committee began work on this Framework at its February 23rd meeting. There were many suggestions provided to be considered as first steps for an Evaluation Framework intended to establish a structure for prioritizing evaluations by the MHSOAC. To expedite the committee input process, an updated draft including comments from 2/23 was distributed on 3/17 for initial comment. The attached revised draft reflects committee member input for discussion at the 4/20 meeting.

Background:

Recently, the Legislature included an increase of \$1M for FY 2011-12 and on-going at that level for evaluative functions to support the Commission's efforts of oversight and accountability.

As the budget and associated policy/structural changes continue to evolve, the MHSOAC may look more broadly at the role and strategies of MHSOAC oversight and accountability and how to effectively maximize the use of evaluations in moving towards the goals/values of the MHSA. Additional parts of the Evaluation Framework may be developed to address these emerging issues.

The Evaluation Framework, Part 1 that results from further input and subsequent revision from the April Committee discussion, will be provided to the Committee to use the revised draft to prioritize the use of the \$1M proposed for FY 11/12 expanded evaluation funding. Based on this practical experience, the document could be revised as necessary and provided to the Commission for adoption in August, 2011.