



Evaluation Committee

2011 Charter

Purpose:

To ensure compliance with the MHSA, Part 3.7, Welfare and Institutions Code (W & I Code) Sections 5845; 5846, and 5847. Responsible for establishing an overall framework, selecting outcome priorities within available evaluation funding, providing input to ongoing evaluations, providing input on development of competitive bid processes and ensuring distribution and use of evaluation reports.

Objectives:

- Ensure that the MHSA evaluations accurately depict the extent to which the objectives of the MHSA have been accomplished.
- Ensure that the evaluations are governed by using methods and measures that are consistent with the provisions of the MHSA and are meaningful and relevant to stakeholders.
- Ensure that information from evaluative efforts and reports is used and usable for continuous improvements of systems and programs/projects and for revising MHSA policy guidelines depending on system outcomes.

Guiding Principles:

Committee policy and strategy recommendations to the MHSOAC should reflect and strive to address the following MHSA-identified priorities:

1. Culturally and linguistically competent
2. Likely to promote a client/family/parent driven system
3. Likely to reduce stigma and discrimination
4. Fully informed via a robust stakeholder process
5. Best practices and continuous improvement
6. Emphasize the inclusion of all ages across the life-span
7. Aimed to reduce mental health disparities.

Activities:

1. Develop a framework for overall MHSA evaluations, which includes Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) and Innovation (INN). Present recommendation to Commission – Summer 2011
2. Develop the outline of the scope of work for Initial External PEI Evaluation. Present recommendation to Commission for approval– Summer 2011
3. Evaluate counties' reporting requirements, including all MHSA data collection. Convene a work group with participants from the Services and Funding Committees to develop recommendations to the Evaluation Committee on the county reporting requirements. Make recommendations to Commission – Fall 2011

4. Participate in work group convened by the Services Committee Chair to develop and implement an integrated plan – Winter 2011
5. Analyze final evaluation deliverables from external evaluation contractors for findings for policy implications or other quality improvement strategies. Coordinate with other committees as appropriate.
 - a. Review report from the Center for Reducing Health Disparities to determine the usability and next steps regarding California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) questions and data to MHSA outcomes – Winter 2011
 - b. Statewide analysis of the disparities in service access and delivery by race/ethnicity, gender and age by the Center for Reducing Health Disparities – Winter 2011
 - c. For 3 counties, reports and maps showing local area services used indicating areas of the counties that are underserved – Spring 2011
 - d. Phase 2 Deliverable #1A, Report of activities and costs of local MHSA funds that summarize component allocations, approved funding and expenditures by year for the period January 2005 through June 2009 of MHSA funds at statewide and county level by component and funding category – Summer 2011

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