

AGENDA ITEMS: Evaluation Committee

- **Presentation: University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**

ENCLOSURES: • Report entitled, "Evaluation Brief Summary and Synthesis of Findings on CSS Consumer Outcomes" submitted by UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Youth and Families, May 2, 2011

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEMS: A PowerPoint will be provided at the Commission meeting

ISSUE:

A priority identified in the 2011 Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) Work Plan is to continue the implementation of the accountability framework. The MHSOAC has taken significant steps towards implementing this priority by initiating several evaluations. At the May 26th MHSOAC meeting the Commission will receive a presentation regarding the findings of the first evaluation deliverable provided by the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Enclosed is the report entitled, "Evaluation Brief Summary and Synthesis of Findings on Community Services and Supports Consumer Outcomes," which sets forth the findings of the first deliverable. UCLA will also provide an update of activities on the deliverables to come. The presentation will be provided by:

- Todd Franke, PhD, MSW, from UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities
- Elizabeth Harris, PhD, from Evaluation, Management and Training Associates (EMT)

BACKGROUND:

Phase 2 Evaluation

After several years of substantial work by the MHOSAC Evaluation Committee and stakeholders, on February 7, 2011 the MHSOAC entered into a contract with UCLA to provide the initial MHSOAC statewide evaluation, known as Phase 2 evaluation, of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). The Phase 2 evaluation is designed to document activities and costs for the MHSA components, determine the impact on clients with mental illness and their families, summarize and synthesize other evaluation efforts, and measure system-wide effects of the MHSA on California's public community mental health system.

The first deliverable is to summarize and synthesize existing evaluations and studies with a particular focus on the impact of the MHSA on consumer outcomes. The enclosed report and the presentation by UCLA will provide the findings that resulted from this effort.

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DATE OF MEETING: 5/26/11

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DATE MATERIAL PREPARED: 5/6/11

BACKGROUND

Phase 2 Evaluation (Continued)

The second deliverable that UCLA is currently working on is the development of a standardized template to include documented sources and calculations for quarterly statewide and county specific performance reporting based on priority indicators. Another upcoming deliverable that UCLA is developing is a report of activities and costs of local MHSA funds that summarize all components of the MHSA to be provided by the end of this fiscal year.

Phase 3 Evaluation

The Phase 3 evaluation is a result of the \$1 million funding for evaluation efforts in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010/11 MHSOAC budget. In August 2010, the MHSOAC Evaluation Committee and stakeholders began developing recommendations on an outline of the Scope of Work and Provider Qualifications for Phase 3 evaluation. At the MHSOAC Meeting on September 23, 2010 the MHSOAC approved the recommended outline and Phase 3 Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on December 1, 2010. The MHSOAC, at its February 24, 2011 Teleconference, authorized the Phase 3 RFP contract to be awarded to UCLA, the proposer with the highest score.

The contract was executed with UCLA for the Phase 3 evaluation on April 11, 2011. The deliverables focus on an analysis of Full Service Partnership costs and cost avoidance, in addition to the impact of the MHSA on client outcomes by using participatory research, and recommendations for a next step evaluation.

Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Summary and Synthesis of Existing Evaluation

The Evaluation Committee charter includes development of an outline of the scope of work for an initial external Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) evaluation in FY 2011/12. Currently there are PEI evaluations and studies being done at the local level that are using a multitude of approaches to address local PEI plans. UCLA will provide a summary and synthesis of these local evaluation efforts.

The presentation will provide an update on activities associated with all of the above mentioned deliverables.