

PROPOSAL "C"
FOR FY 2011/12 MHSOAC EVALUATION

Name of Proposed Evaluation: Assess Impact of PEI for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness and their Families

Brief Description:

Analysis could address use and impact of funds for selected early intervention programs that are being implemented by a sufficient number of counties, have common or similar expected outcomes, and are far enough along in implementation to generate data. Examples of such programs might include programs for: a) "first break" psychosis; b) older adults in primary care settings with symptoms of depression; c) transition-age youth with symptoms of a mental illness, especially those exiting the foster care system; d) victims of trauma, especially individuals from under-served communities. This evaluation could assess whether the selected early intervention programs contribute to reduced negative consequences for program participants from emotional and behavioral disturbances, mental health problems, or mental illness, as specified in the MHSA.

The evaluator could also track use of PEI funds for early intervention for people manifesting signs of serious mental illness and their families, including types of programs and services, populations served, costs, etc.

Purpose (check all that apply)

- Inform and Improve Services Assess and Communicate Impact
 Inform and Improve Policy Gain Insight
 Affect Those Who Participate in the Inquiry
 Other, specify _____

Audience and Uses

List the primary audience(s) and how each would use the evaluation findings.

Policy makers and the public: understand use and impact of PEI funds for individuals with serious mental illness and their families

Service providers: identify effective practices to improve PEI services, including links to treatment, for individuals with serious mental illness and their families.

Questions—identify the question that the evaluation should answer.

1. To what extent and in what ways are PEI funds being used for individuals with serious mental illness and their families, with a focus on early intervention?
2. What impacts are these early intervention programs having on individuals with serious mental illness and their families?

3. What practices are contributing to positive outcomes and therefore should be continued and replicated?
4. To what extent and in what ways are PEI funds increasing early recognition and effective referrals to treatment for people who exhibit signs of serious mental illness?

Priority Goals/Outcomes/Indicators from MHSA/SOC Statute

Identify the MHSA goals/outcomes indicators to be addressed.

1. Reduce prolonged suffering that may result from untreated mental illness
2. Reduce duration of untreated severe mental illness
3. Families, employers, primary care health care providers, and others increase capacity to recognize early signs of potentially severe and disabling mental illness
4. Access and linkage to medically necessary care provided by county mental health programs for children with severe mental illness and for adults and seniors with severe mental illness, as early in the onset of these conditions as practicable

Outcome Consistent with MHSOAC Logic Model

Identify the Oversight and Accountability Outcome(s) addressed.

Evaluation (strategy 5)

Quality Improvement (strategy 6)

Communication (strategy 7)

MHSOAC Estimated Funding Need \$_____

[] One-year only [] Multi-year (specify number of years)

Describe other resources available (if applicable)

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