

PROPOSAL "F"
FOR FY 2011/12 MHSOAC EVALUATION

Name of Proposed Evaluation: Regional Learning Collaboratives, Initially for County DCR Data Validation and Use

Brief Description:

This proposal would create resources in each of the 5 California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA) regions of the state to support counties in fixing/cleaning Full Service Partnership (FSP) data identified as inaccurate and to improve/expand uses of FSP reports. The regional supports would provide individualized supports based on the county's identified need to improve use and accuracy of FSP data. This could include: 1) assisting counties in reviewing the one-time county-level data quality report produced from CSU-Sacramento; 2) assisting the county in the correction of missing and inaccurate data with the goal of developing knowledge within the county of how to validate and clean data and access reports; 3) developing ongoing strategies for data accuracy; and 4) developing strategies for effective use of the information. Creating regional supports would not only be more cost efficient but would also help counties develop common strategies and support structures wherever possible. Technical assistance should address needs of FSP programs which are provided through contracts as well as those directly operated by counties.

The data quality reports from University Enterprises, California State University Sacramento (CSUS) will be available by the end of 2011. The programming changes by DMH to the Data Collection and Reporting (DCR) to allow for additional counties to submit data using batch process and to provide mechanism for correcting errors should be completed soon. Providing supports on a timely basis to take advantage of these positive changes is critical to maintain momentum.

This regional structure that's established could be the foundation for regional learning collaboratives for a variety of opportunities and challenges with the continued implementation of the MHSA.

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

The direct audience or customer would be counties who require additional supports/resources to continue the improvements in the FSP data system (DCR) to fix data inaccuracies identified through the deliverables associated with the MHSOAC contracts with UCLA and University Enterprises (CSUS).

Questions

Determining the impact of the MHSA on individuals is often dependent on FSP information. Ensuring accuracy of the data and use of reports is critical.

Priority Goals/Outcomes/Indicators from MHSA/SOC Statute

Housing/Homelessness, Criminal Justice Involvement, Education/Employment

Outcome Consistent with MHSOAC Logic Model

Strategies 3, 5, 6, and 7.

MHSOAC Estimated Funding Need \$500K - \$1.5M

One-year only (see note below) Multi-year (specify number of years)

Regional learning collaboratives are an ongoing need. The initial funding for this proposal is one-year. Need to determine if the ongoing funding would be from evaluation resources or other sources.