

**PROPOSAL "H"**  
**FOR FY 2011/12 MHSOAC EVALUATION**

**Name of Proposed Evaluation:** Statewide Support for County Data Collection and Reporting System (DCR) Data Validation and Use of Reports.

**Brief Description:**

This proposal would provide one time resources to support efforts to improve accuracy and use of the DCR to further the work of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) in its statewide evaluation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). This proposal would build upon the MHSOAC's current contract with California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) to strengthen the use of the DCR which will result in more accurate and reliable data. As part of its oversight and accountability role, the MHSOAC has contracts to provide statewide evaluations, including outcomes from Full Services Partnership (FSP) programs funded under the Community Services and Support (CSS) component. Counties enter client information and outcomes on FSP partners into the DCR system. The DCR system collects baseline and key event information over time including changes regarding clients across all age groups. It is essential that overall client outcomes be accurately reported to ensure valid evaluations so the Commission can continue to provide oversight through evaluations. Another focus of this proposal would be to assist counties in developing standardized reports and how to effectively use that information for both local and statewide quality improvement of community mental health services.

The data quality reports from CSUS will be available by the end of 2011. The programming changes by DMH to the DCR to allow for additional counties to submit data using batch process and to provide a 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 the momentum of the Commission's evaluation efforts.

This statewide support is proposed as an interim and one-time strategy to improve the infrastructure of the county data collection system. The Commission is currently exploring a partnership with CalMHSA on this effort.

**Purpose** (check all that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform and Improve Policy        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gain Insight                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affect Those Who Participate in the Inquiry |   |
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**Audience and Uses**

The customer would be counties who require additional supports/resources to continue the improvements in the FSP data system (DCR) to ensure accurate data is provided for statewide evaluation purposes. The audience for accurate data on individual outcomes includes the MHSOAC, policy makers, counties and their providers, clients and family members and the general public.

**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 \$200K to \$500K**

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

Describe other resources available (if applicable)