

PROPOSAL "A"
FOR FY 2011/12 MHSOAC EVALUATION

Name of Proposed Evaluation: Identification of Best Practices in Community Planning Process

Brief Description:

The MHSA local plans were based initially on unprecedented levels of community planning. The statute and regulations require ongoing community participation. This project is to develop strategies of evaluating the impact and success of the community planning process and to highlight best practices, i.e., factors that led to the best results. An essential function of this effort would be to develop criteria for effective community planning needs. Counties and their communities could use this information to improve their ongoing community planning process.

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

Stakeholders and counties could use this information in planning and implementing their community planning process. Policy makers could use it for quality improvement.

Questions

This project will specify factors to determine if a community planning process is effective. It could begin by determining the number of groups held, with a focus on the variety of times and locations to ensure maximum participation by the targeted groups, number of groups participating, especially groups representing unserved and underserved communities. More effective qualitative measures would also need to be developed.

Priority Goals/Outcomes/Indicators from MHSA/SOC Statute

Examples may focus on any of the MHSA goals/outcomes/indicators.

Outcome Consistent with MHSOAC Logic Model

Strategies 3 and 6.

MHSOAC Estimated Funding Need \$100K - \$200K

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

Describe other resources available (if applicable)