

PROPOSAL "D"
FOR FY 2011/12 MHSOAC EVALUATION

Name of Proposed Evaluation: Expand Participatory Research

Brief Description:

The MHSOAC has embraced evaluation as a major tool in achieving its oversight and accountability functions. The MHSOAC specifies that the Commission "shall ensure that the perspective and participation of members and others suffering from severe mental illness and their family members is a significant factor in all of its decisions and recommendations."

This proposal provides funds essential to ensure the effective participation of clients and family members in partnership with researchers throughout all phases of an MHSOAC evaluation, from defining the research question through determination of findings and recommendations. Participatory research is intended to provide a positive impact on those communities/individuals participating in the research. Additional expenditures needed to support client and family members in participatory research may include but not be limited to travel, hourly wages/consulting fees and training.

The purpose of this proposal is to provide resources for 1) Capacity Building-- to increase the statewide capacity for clients, family members and individuals from underserved communities to fully participate in a meaningful way in all evaluation efforts, even those not using participatory research methods and 2) Supplemental Support --to support participatory research in one or more of the current and/or proposed evaluation(s).

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

This funding is intended to supplement other evaluation funding. In addition to the impact on those participating in the research, the audience for the specific evaluation project would remain the same.

Questions

This funding is intended to supplement other evaluation funding. The evaluation questions would remain the same.

Priority Goals/Outcomes/Indicators from MHSOAC Statute

The goal is to ensure perspective and participation of clients and family members.

Outcome Consistent with MHSOAC Logic Model
Strategies 5, 6, and 7.

MHSOAC Estimated Funding Need

Capacity Building \$100K to \$275K annually ongoing
Supplemental Support \$50-\$100K per project

One-year only Multi-year—ongoing