

PROPOSAL "E"
FOR FY 2011/12 MHSOAC EVALUATION

Name of Proposed Evaluation: Design MHSOAC PEI Evaluation Strategy

Brief Description:

The MHSOAC's PEI component is unique in scope. While some counties are evaluating their PEI programs and all counties (except very small counties) are performing an outcome evaluation of one PEI program, no evaluation requirements or systems are in place regionally or statewide to measure the impact of PEI.

This study would explore, design, and propose options for a sustainable PEI evaluation system and framework, including data collection strategies, in order to provide meaningful information about the effectiveness and impact of PEI programs. Stakeholders including counties and their service providers and service recipients need to be engaged in the design from its inception. The proposed evaluation must address the challenge of measuring statewide MHSA outcomes that result from diverse county-run PEI programs. It is expected that the design will focus on clusters of programs, build on current county evaluation efforts, and be consistent with the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) six aims (efficacy, cost, accessibility, timeliness, etc). The evaluator should consider integration with other Behavioral Health or Public Health databases, including the Alcohol and Drug Program database CalOMS. The evaluator should also ensure that the PEI evaluation framework is coordinated with CalMHSA's PEI evaluation efforts.

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

MHSOAC and Evaluation Committee would have feasible options to develop a comprehensive PEI outcomes system. Clients and family members, counties, providers, and stakeholders would be able to provide feedback on what best meets their needs. The intent of the evaluation would be to provide information to communicate the impact of PEI programs and for quality improvement.

Questions

Identify and design PEI evaluation that would sustainably measure its statewide impact on MHSA outcomes.

Priority Goals/Outcomes/Indicators from MHSA/SOC Statute

Evaluation design to include all relevant outcomes from the statute.

Outcome Consistent with MHSOAC Logic Model

Strategies 5, 6 and 7.

MHSOAC Estimated Funding Need \$150K - \$300K

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

Describe other resources available (if applicable)