



State of California

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

Minutes of Teleconference Meeting
April 25, 2013

Members Participating

Richard Van Horn, Chairman
David Pating, M.D., Vice Chairman

Sheriff William Brown
David Gordon
Paul Keith, Ph. D
Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal
Larry Poaster, Ph. D
LeeAnne Malle
Tina Wooton

Members Absent

Victor Carrion, M.D.
Senator Lou Correa
Ralph Nelson Jr., M.D.
Andrew Poat

Staff Present

Sherri Gauger, Executive Director
Aaron Carruthers, Chief Deputy Executive Director
Filomena Yeroshek, Chief Counsel
Kevin Hoffman, Deputy Director
Renay Bradley, Research and Evaluation Director
Norma Pate, Administrative Chief
Jose Oseguera, Committee Operations Chief
Kristal Carter, Staff Services Analyst

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Van Horn called the meeting to order at 9:04 am and welcomed everyone. Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) Staff Kristal Carter called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF INNOVATION PROGRAM EVALUATIONS (ACTION)

Vice Chair Pating and Commissioner Poaster recused themselves from this agenda item because they are board members of CiMH.

Renay Bradley, Ph. D., MHSOAC Director of Research and Evaluation, stated that the staff recommendation is to enter into a contract with the California Institute of Mental Health (CiMH). She presented an overview of the recommendation to authorize MHSOAC Executive Director Sherri

Gauger to execute a contract not to exceed \$200,000 for the assessment and improvement of Innovation program evaluations.

MHSOAC issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to evaluate the counties' design and implementation of the California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA or Act) Innovative Programs, on February 6, 2013.

After the RFP was posted, 138 individuals viewed it, and 48 downloaded it. Six Letters of Intent were received, and two submitted proposals.

The scoring process was completed for the two proposals, but neither received passing scores. As a result, MHSOAC used its ability to sole source for contracts and reached out to CiMH.

MHSOAC Staff is asking the Commissioners to consider authorizing Executive Director Gauger to enter into a contract with CiMH to complete this assessment and strengthening of Innovation evaluations.

Dr. Bradley gave a summary of the contract's scope of work. She stated that the contract will require an inventory of evaluations of Innovative Programs that are being planned or have been carried out by counties throughout the state and evaluate the quality and efficacy of those evaluations. Evaluate whether or not modification of various evaluation approaches and practices might strengthen them, and identify general principles for conducting high quality Innovation evaluations for the range of Innovative Programs and counties.

CiMH states that its purpose is to promote wellness and positive mental health and substance use disorder outcomes through improvements in California's health systems. They have in-depth knowledge and expertise of MHSA and their core values mirror MHSA values, including a focus on recovery, wellness, and resilience. They have done extensive training and technical assistance with counties related to various MHSA components and they meet all minimum and desired qualifications listed in the RFP.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment

ACTION: Commission Lowenthal made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mallel to:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract for not more than \$200,000 to complete the Scope of Work focused on the assessment and improvement of the Innovation Program Evaluations.

- *Upon a roll call vote the motion carried: 7 yes, 0 no*

4. INNOVATION PLAN APPROVAL (ACTION)

Jose Oseguera, MHSOAC Chief of Plan Review and Committee Operations gave a summary of San Joaquin County's Innovation Plan. San Joaquin county is seeking the Commission's approval for its Innovation Program, Adapting Functional Family Therapy (FFT). The primary learning goal is to assess whether a peer-based adaptation of FFT improves engagement and retention and contributes to better long-term outcomes as measured on the Child Adolescent Needs Survey (CANS). The county is also testing an innovation approach to collaboration.

San Joaquin will conduct both process and outcome evaluations to assess the overall success of the strategies being proposed. Parent partners and peer mentors will be assigned to approximately one-half of the families served, establishing an internal comparison group for evaluation. The evaluation design also includes a national comparison group.

The county will utilize CANS as an assessment tool to identify and refer families into the FFT program, for post-intervention assessment at the conclusion of families participation, and at six-month, two-year, and four-year follow-ups to learn if participants retain positive outcomes. Comparison to national norms for FFT outcomes will be used to determine whether the use of parent partner and peer mentors has contributed to positive outcomes compared to standard application of FFT.

5. COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION

Commissioner Wooton asked if the peers would be paid, to which Mr. Oseguera answered yes.

Action: Commissioner Keith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wooton to:

Approve San Joaquin County's Innovation Plan upon the condition of San Joaquin County submitting to the MHSOAC a mutually acceptable executed Fiscal Accountability Certificate as required by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5847(b)(9).

- *Upon a roll call vote the motion carried: 9 yes, 0 no.*

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am.