



Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2014
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
1325 J Street, Suite 1700
MHSAOC Board Room
Sacramento, CA 95814

Committee Members:

Staff:

Other Attendees:

David Pating, Chair*	Renay Bradley	Stacy Hiramoto
Victor Carrion, Vice Chair	Keith Erselius	Erin Reynoso
Viviana Criado	Brian Geary	Jackie Pogue
Linda Dickerson	Kevin Hoffman	Rick DeGette
Debbie Innes-Gomberg	Carrie Masten	Adrienne Shilton
Davis Ja	Sheridan Merritt	Raja Mitry*
Steve Leoni	Ashley Mills	Stakeholders from:
Joshua Morgan	Filomena Yeroshek	Mendocino County
Dave Pilon*	Sherri Gauger	Stanislaus County*
Saumitra SenGupta		Tri Cities *
Rusty Selix		
Karen Stockton		
Lynn Thull		

*Participation by phone

Committee members absent: Margaret Walkover, Stephanie Oprendek, Rusty Selix, Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, Stephanie Welch

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order and everyone in the room and over the phone introduced him or herself. Several representatives from stakeholder groups and counties around the state attended the Evaluation Committee meeting.

1. Review and Approve Minutes from August 5, 2014 Evaluation Committee Meeting

The Evaluation Committee (Committee) took a moment to review the minutes; Dave Pilon moved for the minutes to be approved; Davis Ja seconded. Minutes approved unanimously (no abstentions).

2. Information Only: Report Out on Results of the MHSOAC Evaluation Master Plan Prioritization Process for Evaluation Activities for Fiscal Year 2015/16

Renay Bradley presented a brief overview of the Evaluation Master Plan Prioritization Process, including recent changes made to the process that was used this year. Both Committee Members and staff completed the process. Results of the process that are being presented today will be presented to the Commission for their potential adoption on October 23, 2014. There were 27 ideas on the list of potential activities that staff and

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Committee Members considered. Eight (8) ideas were selected to begin in Fiscal Year 2015/16 (due to overlap in scope, some ideas were combined):

1. Study on Laura's Law and Efficacy of CSS and PEI Outreach Activities:
 - a. Impact on Outreach and Relationship to Assisted Outpatient Treatment
 - b. Court Order's Impacts on Acceptance and Outcomes
 - c. Study of Outreach Activities; Effect of Outreach Strategies on Access to Care/Numbers Served (Including CSS and PEI)
2. Effectiveness of Screening Strategies for Substance Use Disorders
3. Impact of the Mental Health Services Act on Children and Families
4. Effectiveness of Peer/Consumer Led/Run Services
5. Study on the Factors Associated with Variation in Full Service Partnerships Outcomes Over Time
6. Literature Review of Best Practices in Peer Support, Employment Services, and Crisis Intervention

Committee members had recommendations for strengthening the process for next year; for example:

- Need more detail for some of the study descriptions; difficult to judge based on one sentence descriptions
- Some of the criteria could use further clarification (e.g., what is meant by quality improvement?)

Public Comments by:
Raja Mitry
Stacy Hiramoto
Steve Leoni

3. Discussion: Review and Provide Recommendations for Dissemination and Policy Implications for the Recent UCLA Deliverables for the Evaluation of Three Clusters of Early Intervention Programs

Renay Bradley gave a brief background on the project and asked the Committee to provide recommendations on potential ways to disseminate the information or any potential policy implications stemming from the results of the study. Some of the feedback included:

- Given that the results were more often based on clinical significance rather than statistical significance, many Committee Members felt that the MHSOAC should be cautious in how much they promote the results of the study
- Further analysis of the data (if possible) is recommended to see what additional information could be gleaned (e.g., if any of the clinically significant results were also statistically significant; although staff felt as though this was not likely the case)
- Even with the lack of statistical significance, some members felt that the results were still positive and tell the story of PEI making a positive impact on people

Public Comments made by:
Vivianna Criado

4. Information & Discussion: Presentation by Representatives from Alameda County Behavioral Health about their Experience Implementing and Using the Individual Placement and Support Evidence-Based Approach to Supporting Employment for People Living with Mental Illness Followed by a Discussion by the Evaluation Committee

Jackie Pogue and Rick DeGette from Alameda County Behavioral Health gave the Committee an overview of the Individual Placement and Supports Program (IPS). They explained how the program was designed initially and their first-hand experience of rolling it out in a pilot phase to multiple providers ensuring fidelity.

They provided examples of the types of employment opportunities clients of the IPS program participate in and some on the initial numbers of clients served. The program is completely voluntary and is unique in the sense that there isn't a lot of red tape or preconditions on clients using the program. When a client expresses an interest in employment, the counselors work immediately to begin the process of finding the client work.

The program appears successful early on in implementation. The program administrators and county representatives will continue to monitor the success and communicate the results in the hopes that other counties may adopt similar programs as a best practice in employment services across the state.

General Public Comment

Commissioner Carrion
Steve Leoni
Saumitra SenGupta

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 PM