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AGENDA ITEM: For Discussion: Provide Input on MHSOAC Evaluation Master Plan Study 5: Effectiveness of MHSA-Funded Evidence-Based Practices for Children and Families.

ENCLOSURES:

- Overview of MHSOAC Evaluation Master Plan Study 5: Effectiveness of MHSA-Funded Evidence-Based Practices for Children and Families

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: None

BACKGROUND:

In March 2013, the Commission adopted the *Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) Evaluation Master Plan*, which outlines a series of priority evaluation activities to complete over the next five years, as well as a prioritization process to consider additional evaluation activities to complete. The Commission also approved the *MHSOAC Evaluation Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2013/14-2017/18*. This plan maps out which specific evaluation activities that will be performed each year, including this fiscal year 2014/15.

One such activity for this fiscal year is an evaluation effort to examine the effectiveness of MHSA-funded evidence-based practices for children and families. The aim of this evaluation is to determine: (a) how broadly evidence-based practices for children and families have been implemented in California counties, and (b) how effective this implementation has been. MHSOAC staff are currently considering the most meaningful ways to focus on this topic. The Committee will consider ideas for how to focus the scope of work for this evaluation, which will be carried out internally by staff.