



Approve Contract with Statistical Analysis System (SAS) Institute, Inc.



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Background

- The MHSOAC Evaluation Master Plan outlines evaluation activities to carry out over a five-year period, including ongoing performance monitoring
- Some activities, including performance monitoring, are intended to be carried out internally
- The ability to conduct internal research and evaluation requires a more robust information technology infrastructure, as well as policies and procedures that ensure appropriate access to data
- The proposed SAS contract intends to provide that infrastructure



Contract Purpose

- Provide capacity to access and store confidential data in a secure manner
- Provide data management and analytic tools
- Provide training, support, and technical assistance pertaining to data access, management, and analysis



Selection Process

- Identified required administrative, physical, and structural controls needed to access, store and manage confidential data
- Completed “gap analysis” to document where we are compared to where we need to be
- Evaluated alternative public and private sector solutions based on cost, quality, and timeliness
- Verified compliance of proposed solutions with State and Federal regulations and information technology policies
- Reviewed and negotiated key elements of the service level agreements



Recommendation

- Enter into a service contract with SAS Institute, Inc. to provide data hosting, analytics, training, technical assistance, and support
 - SAS is an industry leader in data analytics and data management services
 - Will allow MHSOAC to integrate multiple State and local data sources for analysis
 - Ensures compliance with applicable laws and regulations



Motion to Approve

- Authorize the MHSOAC Interim Executive Director to enter into a contract with SAS Institute, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$900,000 over three years to provide data hosting services, analytic software, training, technical assistance, and support that will allow MHSOAC staff to access data and conduct research and evaluations internally.

