

Agenda Item 3A: Consider Recommendation for a Contract to Develop a Feasibility Study Report (FSR) or Advanced Planning Document (APD) to Evaluate the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Behavioral Health Data Systems

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MHSOAC Commitment to Evaluation

- There is a statutory role for MHSOAC to evaluate California's public community-based mental health system.
- The MHSOAC depends on available statewide data to perform this role.
- Currently available data from DHCS is not timely, not always consistent or complete across years or counties, and does not speak to all Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) goals.



MHSOAC Data Strengthening Efforts

- To address these issues, the MHSOAC has invested significantly in strengthening current data systems
 - Has previously committed ~\$2.5M
 - Evaluation Master Plan allocates \$500k for data strengthening each year for next four years
 - ◆ This proposed project would be completed with these funds
 - ◆ The Scope of Work was generated based on input from the Evaluation Committee Data Strengthening Workgroup
 - ◆ DHCS also collaborated with MHSOAC staff to develop the Scope of Work



Project Overview

- Identify data “requirements” (i.e., what data the MHSOAC needs to carry out statutory role)
- Assess ability of current DHCS behavioral health data collection and reporting systems to meet those requirements
- Develop recommendations for ensuring data systems meet requirements



Scope of Work and Deliverables

- Develop, oversee, and implement a project plan, schedule/timeline, and list of what individuals or entities need to be involved and when
 - Deliverable 1: Report of project plan, timeline, entities involved and their roles
- Develop strategies to prepare for successful completion of an APD or FSR
 - Deliverable 2: Report of strategies and associated tools
- Assess all County, State, and Federal requirements for data collection and reporting systems
 - Deliverable 3: Report of all requirements
- Identify and assess current public behavioral health data systems as they relate to statutory mandates/requirements
 - Deliverable 4: Report on the public behavioral health data systems



Scope of Work and Deliverables (cont.)

- Develop recommended steps that need to be taken in order to meet current State and Federal requirements for behavioral health
 - Deliverable 5: Report of recommended steps

- Complete an APD or FSR that will fully describe how a plan could be implemented and established at the State and local levels
 - Deliverable 6: Completed APD or FSR

- Develop an action plan that describes how the recommendations provided within the APD or FSR can be implemented and by whom
 - Deliverable 7: Report of action plan



Contractor and Sub Contractor Qualifications

Knowledgeable of:

- Identifying, creating, and disseminating best practices related to health and human services
- State and Federal policies relating to human services IT lifecycle projects
- Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA)
- Short-Doyle MediCal System (SDMC)
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

Contracts previously held with:

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families
- California Administrative Office of the Courts
- Office of Systems Integration (OSI)
- California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
- California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs
- California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation
- California Department of Child Support Services
- California Department of Justice
- California Housing Finance Authority (CalHFA)



Proposed Motion

The MHSOAC authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract with Stewards of Change Consulting, LLC, for no more than \$300,000 to develop a State Feasibility Study Report (FSR) or a Federal Advanced Planning Document (APD) to assess the current DHCS behavioral health data systems.

