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# AGENDA ITEM 3A

Action

October 23, 2014 Commission Meeting

**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 Behavioral Health Data Systems**

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**Summary:** Dr. Renay Bradley, Director of Research and Evaluation, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, will present an overview of a proposed contract designed to assess the current Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) behavioral health data systems and explore the feasibility of adopting a new system that will provide data to meet all statutory requirements. Current mental health data collection and reporting systems do not provide timely data that allows the MHSOAC to evaluate all aspects of the Mental Health Services Act and broader public community based mental health systems. This contract will identify the Commission's current data and reporting needs, compare them to what is available via current data systems, and draw conclusions regarding data elements that are missing and not available. Recommendations regarding the most feasible way to ensure that all Commission data requirements will be met will also be made. A Feasibility Study Report or an Advanced Planning Document will be developed, which allows the DHCS to identify and obtain approval to get the identified data collection and reporting needs met. In addition, an action plan for short and long term goals that align with the FSR or APD findings will be completed.

**Enclosures:** None

**Handout:** A PowerPoint will be provided at the Commission meeting.

**Recommended Action:** Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract for no more than \$300,000 to develop a State Feasibility Study Report (FSR) or Federal Advanced Planning Document (APD) to assess the current DHCS's behavioral health data systems.

**Presenter:** Renay P. Cleary Bradley, Ph.D.  
Director of Research and Evaluation

**Motion:** The MHSOAC authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract with the 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.