

Evaluation Committee: Approve Older Adult Evaluation Scope of Work



Background

- The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) Evaluation Master Plan recommended a study to determine the effectiveness of interventions of selected programs for older adults (Study 4)
- The MHSOAC Evaluation Implementation Plan allocated \$500,000 for this study
- This evaluation was prioritized by Evaluation Committee members and MHSOAC staff to begin in the current fiscal year 2014/15
- Stakeholders (e.g., providers, counties, evaluators, advocates) informed the development of the scope of work, which is being presented to the Commission for approval



Project Goals

- Assess progress made in implementing an effective system of care for older adults with serious mental illness and identify methods to further statewide progress in this area



Scope of Work

- Assess progress made in implementing a system of care for California's older adults with serious mental illness
- Identify best practices that have resulted in effective, comprehensive, and integrated services for older adults, and other positive outcomes
- Evaluate how funds are being used to provide services to older adults and strengthen older adults systems of care, and how/if those funds improve outcomes
- Identify barriers and gaps to meeting the needs of older adults and recommended strategies to overcome those barriers/gaps
- Develop policy and practice recommendations for continued improvement and support for older adult mental health programs and services at the State and local levels



Next Steps

- Following approval, staff will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to elicit bidders to complete the scope of work
- The most qualified bidder will be selected through a competitive process
- The results of the selection process will be presented to the MHSOAC to obtain approval to enter into the contract
- Contract expected to begin by June 30, 2015 and completed by June 30, 2017



Motion to Approve

- Authorize the MHSOAC Interim Executive Director to initiate a competitive bid process requesting proposals to evaluate progress made in implementing an effective system of care for older adults with serious mental illness in order to identify methods to further statewide progress in this area.

