
AGENDA ITEM 6

Action

April 23, 2015 Commission Meeting

Contract with Statistical Analysis System Institute Inc. and the iFish Group, Inc.

Summary: In November 2014, the Commission approved a three-year contract with Statistical Analysis System (SAS) as a software provider and as a secured environment for viewing confidential health information.

The intent of the contract was to allow Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC or Commission) staff to securely access and manage confidential health data held by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) including the information in the Data Collection and Reporting (DCR) and Client Services Information (CSI) systems. Access to this data is integral to performing the Commission's statutory role in the evaluation of California's public community-based mental health system and is necessary in order to conduct research and evaluation activities internally.

Due to the inability of SAS Inc. to meet the State's terms and conditions which are a requirement for all information technology (IT) contracts of this nature, the MHSOAC was unable to execute the contract; however, MHSOAC will continue to work with SAS, but solely as the software provider. The managed services and secured environment portions of the contract, which is mandatory for working with sensitive data, will be handled by The iFish Group, Inc. (iFish).

iFish will provide the platform to run the SAS software. This will give the research staff at the MHSOAC the ability to view confidential data provided by the DHCS. iFish has worked with the State of California before and has agreed to meet all of the State's required terms and conditions and Service Level Agreements. Most importantly, the cost of the contract remains unchanged: The Commission had previously approved up to \$900,000 over three years for this contract.

iFish has provided application development and deployment to the Department of Justice, and managed services for organizations such as Special Districts Risk Management Authority.

Enclosures: None

Handouts: A PowerPoint will be provided at the meeting

Recommended Action: Approve the proposed motion.

Presenters: Toby Ewing, MHSOAC Executive Director

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to enter into contracts for an amount not to exceed \$900,000 over 3 years to provide secure environment for viewing confidential health information and analytic software that will allow MHSOAC staff to access data and conduct research and evaluations internally.