

# Approve Interagency Agreement with the University of California Regents for Older Adults Evaluation



# Background

- The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) Evaluation Master Plan recommended a study to evaluate programs for older adults (Study 4)
- This evaluation was prioritized to begin in the current fiscal year 2014/15
- Stakeholders (e.g., providers, counties, evaluators, advocates) informed the development of the evaluation scope of work, which was previously approved by the Commission
- An interagency agreement with the University of California (UC) Regents is being proposed to complete this work



# Primary Project Goals

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



# Primary Research Questions

- What progress have counties made toward implementing a system of care for older adults with mental health needs?
- What barriers have counties encountered in implementing a system of care for older adults? What strategies have helped to overcome these obstacles? What gaps exist?
- What outcomes and associated indicators should the State routinely monitor to assess ongoing progress toward implementation of an older adult system of care?
- What policy and practice recommendations would help to improve programs and services for older adults with mental needs at the State and local levels?



# Primary Deliverables

- Report(s) of Evaluation Findings
  - Progress toward implementation of an older adult system of care
  - Gaps that remain in services
  - Barriers to implementation and strategies to overcome those barriers
  
- Report of Recommended Outcomes and Associated Indicators to Enable Routine Performance Monitoring of the Older Adult System of Care
  
- Report(s) of Policy and Practice Recommendations for Continued Improvement of and Support for Older Adult Mental Health Services



# Proposed Evaluator

- MHSOAC Staff, in collaboration with key stakeholders, identified Janet Frank, DrPH, as the proposed principle evaluator for this project
- Dr. Frank was chosen following a comprehensive selection process including interviews, review of published material, and reference checks
- Dr. Frank has extensive experience in the fields of gerontology and mental health research at the state and national level and is currently working at the Los Angeles Center for Health Policy Research
- Dr. Frank was also involved at an early stage in the development of a model system of care for older adults and has extensive knowledge of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)



# Motion to Approve

- Authorize the MHSOAC Executive Director to enter into an interagency agreement in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 with the Regents of the University of California to evaluate progress made toward implementing an effective system of care for older adults with serious mental illness and identify methods to further this progress across the state

