

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion: Next Steps in Routinely Evaluating the Community Program Planning (CPP) Processes

ENCLOSURES: Community Program Planning (CPP) Process Reporting Requirements

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM: None

BACKGROUND:

In order to provide community-based mental health services that are client-centered, family-focused, culturally and linguistically competent, and within an integrated system, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA or the Act) requires high levels of local community involvement and planning. Stakeholders, as defined within the Act, must be included in the planning process, and counties must demonstrate a partnership with constituents and stakeholders throughout the process that includes meaningful stakeholder involvement with regard to mental health policy, program planning, implementation, monitoring, quality improvement, evaluation, and budget allocations.

Previous efforts funded by the MHSOAC have attempted to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the CPP process, and identify promising practices that promote positive impacts such as MHSA goals (e.g., involvement of a diverse array of clients with serious mental illness and/ or serious emotional disturbance and their family members, as well as un/underserved individuals, in the planning process). This evaluation was the first of its kind; both as an evaluation of community-based program planning in general and as an evaluation of the specific CPP process outlined within the MHSA and associated regulations. As such, it was very much a first step in considering how the MHSOAC can use evaluation efforts to support counties and help strengthen their abilities to use planning processes to meet MHSA goals, including meaningful stakeholder involvement and provision of services that better meet community needs.

ISSUE:

Building on lessons learned from previous efforts, Renay Bradley and Ashley Mills will lead a discussion with the Evaluation Committee to review existing reporting requirements, and begin to consider what data would be useful and needed to continuously monitor the performance of local planning efforts. The goals of these evaluation efforts being to ensure meaningful CPP processes throughout the state.