



Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 Time: 12:30pm-3:30pm

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Darrell Steinberg Conference Room

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Committee Members:	Staff:	Other Attendees:
Richard Van Horn, Chair	Renay Bradley	Michael Helmick
Paul Keith, Co-Vice Chair*	Angela Brand	Stacie Hiramoto
Larry Poaster, Co-Vice Chair*	Toby Ewing	Andrew Sarkin
Ruben Cantu*	Deborah Lee	
Viviana Criado*	Carrie Masten	
Rocco Cheng	Ashley Mills	
Linda Dickerson	Filomena Yersoshek	
Tony Hobson*		
Steve Leoni		
Joshua Morgan		
Diane Prentiss		
Rusty Selix*		
Saumitra SenGupta		
Lynn Thull*		
Jennifer Walker*		

*Participation by phone

Committee members absent: Davis Ja, Belinda Lyons-Newman, Dave Pilon

Welcome/Introductions

Commissioner Richard Van Horn, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Introductions were provided by all present in the room as well as on the phone.

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of the June 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Evaluation Committee (Committee) took a moment to review the minutes. A small name correction was noted. Motion was made to approve minutes from the June 11, 2015 Evaluation Committee meeting. Motion carried and minutes were approved with modification.

Vote recorded with participating members as follows:

- Approve: Richard Van Horn, Paul Keith, Larry Poaster, Ruben Cantu, Linda Dickerson, Joshua Morgan, Diane Prentiss,
- Abstain: Paul Keith, Rocco Cheng, Tony Hobson, Saumitra SenGupta, Jennifer Walker

Agenda Item 2: Update on the Community Services and Supports (CSS) Evaluation, Tracking, and Monitoring System Contract

Andrew Sarkin, Ph.D., Director of Evaluation Research, University of California, San Diego provided the group with an update on his contract regarding his work on the CSS statewide data collection system. Dr. Sarkin reviewed the project goals and timeline; project is currently halfway through its 2 year term and is getting ready to pilot the proposed data collection system in a small number of volunteer counties.

Dr. Sarkin discussed the progress made by his team through his work with a broad group of stakeholders, counties, and agencies. The focus on developing a system that will be able to integrate multiple EHR systems and provide interoperability between counties and agencies is a shared goal among the stakeholders. Dr. Sarkin also reviewed the use of validated measures, quality checklists and surveys as well as the incorporation of additional features such as MOQA domains and evaluation calculations and measures.

Dr. Sarkin reviewed the proposed pilot program, the planned levels of assessment including potential characteristics, schedules, and possible variations between programs. He also provided the Committee with a list of volunteer counties that would be participating in the pilot program.

The group discussed the importance of determining how the data will be used and how to ensure collection of data is meaningful and effective at the program level. Dr. Sarkin reported that one of the chief issues discussed in the Evaluation Advisory Group (EAG) was that “too much” information is being measured and collected. His goal will be to work with the EAG through the pilot program to see what domains should be collected and potentially modify or delete certain elements. The group also discussed the possibility of using the data to look at how the counties are measuring access, who is being served, and where.

The group also asked about the compatibility of the system with the Anasazi and Avatar programs and Dr. Sarkin provided information about the progress of the creation of crosswalks between systems to ensure interoperability. He also addressed the need to ensure that systems were capturing race and ethnicity data as a way to assess cultural competence and provide the ability of programs to study and provide information and knowledge about utilization and penetration rates.

Dr. Sarkin’s presentation concluded with the notification that the final proposed system would be made available for input before presentation to the full Commission.

Public Comment

There was no public comment provided on this item.

Agenda Item 3: Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Client and Service Information (CSI) System Data Modernization Project

Renay Bradley, Ph.D., Director of Research and Evaluation, provided the Committee with an overview of the project. With current limitations on data collection and the use of “legacy systems”, DHCS is in the early stages of modernizing the Client and Services Information (CSI) System. The CSI currently sits within a “data migration zone” as it has been identified as a structure that is not compatible with DHCS’ greater data warehouse. In order to move the data to the larger warehouse for storage, the structure must be modernized; none of the CSI data will be moved out of the data migration zone until this new system is completed.

DHCS has prioritized modernization of the CSI and has requested that the MHSOAC collaboratively consider potential changes to CSI data elements that should be modified during this modernization process. The MHSOAC Evaluation Committee will have the opportunity to consider and make recommendations regarding potential revisions to the CSI. A copy of the current CSI data dictionaries will be shared with committee members after the meeting, they will be instructed to consider potential revisions to the system. Committee members will be asked to share ideas for potential revisions to the CSI data elements with MHSOAC staff prior to the October Evaluation Committee meeting, so that these ideas can be considered and prioritized at that time, ensuring that recommendations are sent to DHCS by January 2016.

The Committee discussed how to incorporate Dr. Sarkin’s work, the data work done by MHDATA as well as the requirements under the new Section 1115 Waiver. Dr. Bradley discussed how many of these existing projects and requirements will help to inform this project with the long term goal of the system improvement being to with toward newly implemented Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) framework.

The group also discussed the upcoming changes to the current CSI Data Dictionary and how to establish as baseline for review and feedback. One of the forthcoming changes, effective October 2015, is the switch from *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM) Axis 1 Diagnosis coding procedures to the *International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems* (ICD) diagnosis and procedure coding system fields.

The group also discussed the importance of clarifying the goals of the project and determining what outcomes the data should be able to illustrate. It was suggested that the Committee look at other efforts currently underway and how to incorporate all data sources. Emphasis was made on keeping the goals focused on integrated service delivery, inclusion of PEI programs, and how to ensure valuable information is collected at all levels.

Public Comment

There was no public comment provided on this item.

Agenda Item 4: Status of Current and Planned Evaluation Efforts

Renay Bradley, Ph.D., provided the Committee with a brief overview on each evaluation activity and its status, using the Evaluation Dashboard tool for reference.

The Committee discussed a number of the contracts and projects, including how to use the completed Innovative Program Evaluation as a way to determine success of Innovation programs. Staff reported that they are currently working on reviewing the inventory of program evaluations provided by the contractor.

The Committee also discussed the Stewards of Change Contract with regard to the completion of the Planning Advanced Planning Document (P-APD) that has been submitted to DHCS for review and revision. The group requested a copy of the P-APD for review as it was submitted to DHCS. The group would like the opportunity to track and note any changes made by DHCS for reference as this project advances.

Dr. Bradley also provided additional information on the Performance Indicators Task Force, noting that staff was waiting for access to available data to determine how to replicate UCLA Trends Report.

The group also discussed ways to create more awareness for the Evaluation activities and strategies to disseminate outcomes of these projects.

Public Comment

There was no public comment provided on this item.

General Public Comment

There was no public comment on this item.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm