

**Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability**  
**Current and Forthcoming Evaluation Projects**

**Summaries from December 2012 through March 2013**

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- **Data Quality and Corrections Plan (contract with Sacramento State)**
  - **Objective:** Assess the quality of Full Service Partnership (FSP) data available via the Data Collections and Reporting (DCR) system and make recommendations for how to overcome problems and limitations
    - Information regarding the DCR obtained via interviews with State, county, provider, vendor, and stakeholder groups
    - Summarize issues and recommend potential solutions and best practices
    - Implement solutions (e.g. webinars, onsite and regional trainings)

STATUS: This contract will continue on through 2014. Several data and reporting quality strengthening efforts are currently underway, including statewide training and technical assistance that is offered to counties on an ongoing basis.

- Contract will be amended to allow for further focus on provider level data.
- New Contract will focus on identifying problems and making recommendations to overcome problems in the CSI.
- Sac State will implement solutions with counties, as they have done with the DCR.
- New contract also will allow Sac State contractors to work with DHCS program and IT staff to improve DCR and CSI infrastructure.
- Summary fact sheet posted on the MHSOAC website, March 2013.

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- **FSP Costs/Cost Offsets (contract with UCLA)**
    - **Objective:** Summarize expenditures of MHSA funds for Full Service Partnerships (FSP):
      - Per person annual cost average and range for program services and housing costs
      - Offsets based on savings incurred for incarceration and mental/physical health services
      - By year (2008-2010)
      - By age group (CYF, TAY, Adults, Older Adults)
      - Statewide and by County

STATUS: Completed; comprehensive Final report posted on MHSOAC website:  
[http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/Evaluations/docs/Eval\\_FSP\\_CostOffsetReport\\_UCLA\\_103112.pdf](http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/Evaluations/docs/Eval_FSP_CostOffsetReport_UCLA_103112.pdf)

Executive Summary:

[http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/Evaluations/docs/MHSA\\_CostOffset\\_ExecutiveSummary\\_FSP\\_20120725.pdf](http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/Evaluations/docs/MHSA_CostOffset_ExecutiveSummary_FSP_20120725.pdf)

Summary Fact Sheet:

[http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/Evaluations/docs/FactSheet\\_Eval5\\_FSPCostAndCostOffset\\_Nov2012.pdf](http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/Evaluations/docs/FactSheet_Eval5_FSPCostAndCostOffset_Nov2012.pdf)

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- **Trends in Priority Indicators (contract with UCLA)**

- **Objective:** Establish trends in system- and individual-level priority indicators for FSPs and all Community Systems and Supports (CSS) consumers for FY 08-09 and 09-10
  - By age group (CYF, TAY, Adults, Older Adults)
  - Statewide and by County

STATUS: The initial statewide report of priority indicators for FY 2008-09 and 2009-10 was completed. Individual county-level reports for these fiscal years describing all indicators were submitted.

Next deliverable, due by April 30, 2013, includes statewide and county level indicators report on FYs 2004-05 and 2005-06 which will provide a baseline for indicators prior to implementation of the MHS Act. A related Fact Sheet has been posted to the website.

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- **Evaluation Master Plan (contract with Dr. Joan Meisel)**

- **Objective:** Develop an Evaluation Master Plan for the OAC that can be used to prioritize evaluation efforts and guide development of an action plan for completion of those efforts.

STATUS: The Evaluation Master Plan was presented to the Commission at the January 24, 2013 meeting (first read). This plan will be presented again (as a Second Read) at the March 28, 2013 Commission Meeting, and will include an action plan for how to proceed with implementation.

PowerPoint presented January 24, 2013:

[http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/Meetings/docs/Meetings/2013/OAC\\_012413\\_Handout\\_EvalMasterPlan.pdf](http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/Meetings/docs/Meetings/2013/OAC_012413_Handout_EvalMasterPlan.pdf)

Comprehensive Report and Proposal submitted December 2012:

[http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/Meetings/docs/Meetings/2013/OAC\\_012413\\_Tab5\\_Eval\\_Master\\_122812.pdf](http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/Meetings/docs/Meetings/2013/OAC_012413_Tab5_Eval_Master_122812.pdf)

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- **Impact of Services on Client Outcomes (contract with UCLA)**

- **Objective:** Evaluate the Impact of Peer Support Services, Employment Support Services, and Crisis Intervention Services on individual outcomes (i.e., Employment, Housing, Well-being)
  - Facilitated statewide survey and 40 in-depth interviews
  - Used participatory research process, including “PEPs” (Participatory Evaluation Partners)

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STATUS: The final report for this project was submitted on December 31, 2012. It will be presented to the Commissioners at the March 2013 meeting. The comprehensive report and summary fact sheet are being posted on the MHSOAC website.

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- **Reducing Disparities in Access to Care (contract with UC Davis)**
  - **Objective 1:** Obtain trends in new admissions to county mental health systems broken down by age, race/ethnicity, gender
  - **Objective 2:** Assess consumer/family member perspective regarding MHSA impact on reducing disparities
    - Will be done via participatory research methods

STATUS: The first deliverables for this project (i.e., analytic plans for both objectives) were submitted to the OAC on 12/31/12.

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- **Prevention and Early Intervention (contract with UCLA)**
  - **Objective 1:** Assessment of prevention and early intervention programs
    - Program costs
    - Numbers served
    - Spectrum of clients served
    - Program components/focus
  - **Objective 2:** Evaluate the impact of a sample of early intervention programs that fall within various “clusters” (e.g., first break psychosis, trauma-focused programs for children, and signs of depression in older adults).
    - Focus will be on outcomes associated with untreated mental illness (e.g., suicide, incarceration, unemployment, prolonged suffering)

STATUS: The contractors have begun to develop a tool to delineate prevention programs from early intervention programs so that the information that we have requested can be provided for each type of program separately. In addition, they have identified clusters of early intervention programs that will be evaluated. A description of the clusters was submitted on 12/31/2012.

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- **Evaluate Quality of County Innovation Evaluations**
  - **Objective:** Assess the quality and efficacy of current Innovation Program evaluations that are being carried out by counties and take steps to ensure that counties are receiving enough support to independently conduct rigorous evaluations

STATUS: This project was recently approved by the Commissioners, and has gone out to bid via an RFP in early February (announcement was posted on MHSOAC website).

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- **Evaluate the Impact of the Community Planning Process**
  - **Objective:** Evaluate the impact of the effectiveness of the community planning process using participatory research methods.

STATUS: Contract awarded January 10, 2013 to Resource Development Associates.

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- **Strengthen CSS Data Collection and Reporting Systems**
  - **Objective:** Provide resources aimed at improving the accuracy, availability, and use of program, provider, client, and outcome data on services funded under the MHSA within the CSS component

STATUS: This project was recently approved by the Commissioners and likely will be carried out by Sacramento State.