

Context of Mental Health Evaluation-related Projects in CA

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Changes Everywhere:

- CA State Government since July 1, 2012:
- Various MH functions moved to other Departments or Entities
- DHCS, DSS, DPH, OSHPD, Education
- Changes in roles of MHSOAC, CMHPC

“Follow the money:” functions, services, and data sets are intertwined with changes

MH Data Elements in CA Government Agencies

- MRMIB: managed care plans for low-income families with children—2009 report by APS Healthcare & San Jose’ State University: “Mental Health and Substance Use services provided by Health Plans...in the Healthy Families Program”
- CWS/CMS: Foster care system—includes monitoring of some MH-related items, e.g. whether the child received therapy, meds
- DHCS: data from specialty Medi-Cal paid claims, CSI, DCR, etc – large data repositories
- County MH Departments and MH Plans

Private and/or Intergovernmental Agencies

- CalMHSA: SEE Team (Statewide Evaluation Experts)
 - Contracts with RAND Institute, and the Entertainment Industries Council
 - RAND: PEI-related Contracts
 - Suicide Prevention
 - Stigma & Discrimination Reduction
 - Student Mental Health programs in colleges and high schools
 - Study to establish a framework for evaluation of baseline datasets , in order to be able to measure longer term community effects

CA External Quality Review Organization

- Contracts with government agencies to perform external reviews of programs
- Key Informant Interviews
- Performance Measurement
- Performance Improvement Projects
- Consumer and Family Member Focus Groups
- Technical Assistance and Training
- Information Systems Capabilities Assessment
- Analysis of Eligibility and Claims Data.

New Programs to Develop and/or Refine Evaluation Plans and Metrics

- DHCS: Develop a measurement matrix for EPSDT and children's mental health
- CHHS: Agency –level effort to coordinate data collection and analysis efforts among different departments/entities, objective to reduce duplication and data silos, implement federal data standards and interoperability
- Medi-Cal Dual Eligibles (clients who also receive Medi-Care): Coordinated Care Initiative (mainly medical, proposal does include measures for depression, anxiety, pharmaceuticals prescribed?)

Federal and Statewide Data Sets

- Census Data (2010, 2011), American Community Survey: State & County-level data
- SAMSHA studies of MH & Substance Use
- More than 40 data sets with some MH info identified in a survey by RAND (see references in study led by Kate Watkins, cited on CalMHSA's "front" webpage)
- Data linkage & data mining efforts: outcomes-oriented research, special expertise required

CA MHPC Research Projects

- Performance Indicators Project
 - Parameters & definitions refined by MHSOAC
 - Data cleaning/audit, review, reports of certain fiscal years' data
 - Establish baseline data pre-MHSA/ Prop 63
- Need for Collaborations & Data Resources
 - Past, present, and future
 - CALMHB/C, CMHDA, CiMH, EQRO
 - Counties: Data Sources
 - Role of DHCS: holder of much data of interest
 - But a complex access process