

**Prop 63 Mental Health Services
Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)
Evaluation Fact Sheet¹**

**UNDERWAY AND UPCOMING EVALUATIONS
February 2013**

Reducing Disparities in Access to Care

Objectives: Obtain trends (from 2004 onward) in access to care based on new admissions and all consumers in California county mental health systems. Assess access to services for a variety of groups, including those determined by age, race, ethnicity, gender, and other demographic characteristics as possible. Using participatory research methods, assess consumer and family member perspectives regarding the MHSOAC impact on reductions in disparities. Use both quantitative and qualitative methods to provide insight regarding whether or not the MHSOAC has prompted reductions in disparities in access to care for various groups, including those who have traditionally been un/under-served.

Status: Contract in effect with UC Davis Center for Reducing Disparities

Timeframe: Contract executed in June 2012. Final report currently due in March 2014.

Community Program Planning Process

Objectives: This project aims to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the community program planning process using participatory research methods. Results will be used to guide the development of a curriculum and associated training and technical assistance for clients that will be offered by a group of client stakeholders involved in this project.

Status: Contract under development with Resource Development Associates (RDA).

Timeframe: The contract is expected to be executed in March of 2013 and will continue for at least one year into 2014.

Strengthening of County Innovation Evaluations

Objectives: This project is designed to assess the quality and efficacy of Innovative Program evaluations and take steps to ensure that counties are receiving enough support to independently conduct rigorous evaluations. The end goal would be a process for ensuring quality county-level evaluation of Innovative Programs that would facilitate adoption of those programs that were deemed to be effective in meeting MHSOAC goals.

Status and Timeframe: A request for proposals was released in February 2013. A contract is expected to be awarded by March 28, 2013, with contract execution to follow soon thereafter.

Summary of Activities and Costs

Objectives: Summarize state and county-level MHSOAC activities and expenditures for fiscal year (FY) 2009/10. A summary report will be generated that includes costs and activities associated with all MHSOAC components for this year. In addition, three brief reports will be prepared that highlight activities among three specific MHSOAC components:

¹This series of fact sheets provides brief summaries of MHSOAC evaluations of Prop 63 and California's public community-based mental health system. The MHSOAC is charged with providing oversight and accountability per the Mental Health Services Act (also known as Prop 63).

1) Full Service Partnerships, 2) Outreach and Engagement, and 3) Capital Facilities and Technological Needs.

Status: Contracted in effect with UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities.

Timeframe: This final report and series of briefs are expected to be made available by the Summer of 2013.

Data Quality and Corrections Plan

Objectives: This project provides resources to improve the accuracy, availability and use of program/provider, client, and outcome data on services funded under the MHSA within the Community Services and Supports (CSS) component. The goal is to facilitate resolution of existing problems with the availability, quality, and timeliness of CSS data and reporting processes. CSS data is currently available via the Client and Services Information (CSI) system, which is focused on all clients who have received community-based services, as well as the Data Collection and Reporting (DCR) system, which is focused on clients enrolled in Full Service Partnerships (FSP).

Status: Contract focused on the DCR currently in effect with California State University, Sacramento. A second contract focused on the CSI is currently under development. In addition, the new contract will enable implementation of IT support focused on the DCR.

Timeframe: First contract on the DCR was executed in June 2011. County-level support for the DCR will continue through Spring of 2014. The new contract focused on county-level support for the CSI and IT support for the DCR is expected to be executed by June 2013.

Trends in Priority Indicators

Objectives: Establish trends in system- and individual-level priority indicators for both FSPs and all CSS consumers. Initial statewide and county-level reports for FSP and CSS indicators for Fiscal Years (FY) 2008/09 and 2009/10 have been completed. Forthcoming statewide and county-level priority indicator reports will be done for additional years prior to completion of this contract, including FY 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, and 2007/08.

Status: Contracted in effect with UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities.

Timeframe: Contract executed in January 2011. Final report currently due in Summer of 2014.

Prevention and Early Intervention Evaluation

Objectives: For both prevention and early intervention programs funded by the MHSA in counties throughout California, for FY 2011/12, identify associated program costs, numbers of clients served, the spectrum of clients served, and the focus or components of the programs. In addition, evaluate the collective impact of three distinct early intervention "clusters" of programs on MHSA outcomes (e.g., prolonged suffering). Three clusters will be focused on: those that address first break psychosis, trauma-focused programs for children and youth who show signs and early symptoms of mental illness, and programs for older adults who show signs and symptoms of depression.

Status: Contract in effect with UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities.

Timeframe: Contract executed in June 2012. Final reports are currently due in the Fall of 2013 and Summer of 2014.
