MHSOAC RESEARCH AND EVALUATION:
ACTIVITIES SUMMARY & GUIDE

The Commission promotes opportunities for prevention and early intervention, addresses disparities, and supports improved outcomes by analyzing data, conducting research and evaluations, and engaging experts – including diverse community members – to produce information and recommendations that inform policymakers and practitioners.

The Commission has five primary research and evaluation activities that are strategically designed to increase public understanding and reduce stigma, document the impact of existing policies and programs, provide the information required for robust community involvement and continuous improvement in services and outcomes, and to inform the Commission's agenda.

Within each of the five primary activities are current projects and activities supporting them, ultimately helping to achieve the Commission's strategic goals for transformational change. The strategic goals are comprehensive and robust:
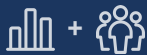
Advance a Shared Vision

Advance Data, Analytics and Opportunities to Improve Results

Catalyze Improvement in Policy and Practice

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION DIVISION ACTIVITIES

TRACKING COMMUNITY INDICATORS

- Mental health funding
- Suicide incidence and rate
- Criminal justice/ mental health demographics and outcomes
- Numbers served in county mental health programs
- Participation in Full Service Partnerships
- Disparities in access to services

CURATING MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

- Documenting county innovation projects
- Building a prevention and early intervention dataset

POLICY RESEARCH TO IMPROVE POLICIES AND PRACTICES

- Embracing school mental health
- Enhancing criminal justice diversion
- Creating fiscal accountability
- Supporting prevention and early intervention
- Getting to zero in suicide prevention
- Promoting workplace mental health

EVALUATING NEW INITIATIVES TO ACCELERATE LEARNING, ADAPTATION, AND SCALING

- Mental Health Student Services Act
- SB 82/Triage Crisis Services
- Mental Health Innovation Incubator
- Full Service Partnerships

BUILDING DATA INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

- Mental health service utilization data
- Education data
- Employment data
- Criminal justice involvement data
- Child welfare data