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Meeting: Evaluation and Research Committee	
Date: April 30, 2020	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
	Virtual via Zoom
Attendees	Attendees: E. Maxwell Davis, Marissa O’Neil, Kari Beuerman, Mekada Graham, Sara Mullen, Peter Allen Lee (transfer of minutes to this form), Mary Rawlings (minutes), Debra Waters-Roman, Carolyn McAllister
Agenda/Topics	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Icebreaker: What’s the first thing you will do once Shelter in Place is over? • Review of revised committee charter • Approval of Meeting Agenda • Approval of Meeting Minutes of 11-8-19 • Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHSA Retrospective study • Title IV-E Retrospective study • SERVE proposal • Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation and Research during and after COVID 19: What are the workforce development implications for universities and employers? • Committee membership and focus: How should the committee move forward with the new committee charter? • Open forum: Questions, ideas and updates from attendees • Adjournment
Discussion	
Major Points	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hosted a welcome and introduction time according to the ice-breaker question. 2. Revised Charter for Evaluation and Research Committee Reviewed 3. Thank you to Mary for taking the minutes for this meeting. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes - Melissa, second Debra Waters Roman, Approved 4. Updates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Data collection for the MHSA Retrospective Study ended in June 2019 and analysis of the full dataset is underway. The study sample included roughly 1,100 of the 2,246 trainees who participated in the MHSA Stipend Program between academic

years 2005-06 and 2017-18. Survey goals focused on assessing how well the MHSA Stipend Program achieved its stated goals of training a diverse pool of MSW students to provide recovery-oriented care in California's public mental/behavioral health care system. Survey questions focused on trainee assessments of various aspects of the training program, their post-graduation experiences fulfilling the service obligation, and their career trajectories after service obligation completion. CalSWEC will publish a white paper that outlining all descriptive and some bivariate findings this spring. More multivariate analyses and qualitative analysis will be disseminated in greater depth through papers and presentations in 2020 and beyond.

- B. CalSWEC's Title IV-E Retrospective Study was released January 2020 and study results were presented at the January CalSWEC Advisory Board meeting. Using over 1,650 Title IV-E graduate responses, this survey analyzes differences in program participants' demographics, previous child welfare experiences, employment obligation, and career trajectories (across fields, positions, years worked, and employment transitions). The full report can be found here: [Title IV-E Retrospective Study - Full Report](#). [Slides](#) and [the report summary](#) can be found on the [CalSWEC website](#).
- C. The Title IV-E Program will be releasing a request for proposals for the SERVE evaluation project in May/June 2020.

5. Discussion

- Evaluation and Research during and after COVID 19: What are the workforce development implications for universities and employers?
 - Discussion of university plans related to COVID-19 in the Fall occurred. Plans vary, everyone building contingency plans for Fall. For CSU's unclear, if statewide or individual university decision. Field programs planning for possible remote start. Discussion of how to best prepare students for this kind of disaster work, as well as related pre-field training.
- Committee membership and focus: How should the committee move forward with the new committee charter?
 - Discussion regarding potential research partnership with students. Examples from university/county DCFS partnerships were shared. Opportunities vary widely between counties. Explored some of the current barriers to partnering with CalSWEC, i.e., limited discretionary funding.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An idea of a “clearing house” to match county partner needs for research with university needs for research opportunities for students was discussed. <p>6. Open forum: Questions, ideas and updates from attendees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern expressed about our students graduating this spring and the job market. Significant anxiety about employment. • Request to continue discussion about partnered research among agencies and universities. Committee will try to organize that effort within the period before next CalSWEC meeting in October 2020. <p>7. Adjourned</p>
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Conclusions

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline