CHPR Houses the Evaluation & Outcomes Unit of the Behavioral Health Center of Excellence (BHCOE)

The CHPR Evaluation and Outcomes Unit (EOU) supports UC Davis BHCOE mental health services research grant proposals and projects, and conducts baseline research on the utilization, outcomes, and costs of mental health services in California.

EOU Services
The BHCOE Pilot Grant Program aims to propel UC Davis behavioral health researchers to positions of strength in competing for extramural funding and to strengthen collaborations with our community, regional and statewide partners. *To support this aim, the EOU provides technical and administrative support to UC Davis investigators pursuing research in mental health services and policy, and advises on evaluation plans for workforce development projects.*

*Proposal Applicants*
The EOU team provides grant applicants with technical and administrative resources for proposal organization and assembly, project budgeting and planning, and research methods consultation, including research design, outcomes measurement, qualitative methods and economic analyses.

*Mental Health Services Investigators*
Pilot grant recipients and other researchers are encouraged to access EOU team expertise in outcomes measurement, instrument development, and evaluation and outcomes research, including statistical design and analysis, economic analytic approaches, and qualitative design methods. The EOU team also offers assistance to pilot grant recipients and other UC Davis mental health services researchers to pursue extramural funding.

EOU Research
The EOU is also conducts baseline research to support current and future mental health services research and evaluations for California

*Key MHS Research Priorities:* The EOU conducted an environmental scan and stakeholder prioritization process to identify research gaps and to recommend key research priority areas for the Services and Policy category of the BHCOE pilot grant program. These findings are also informative for other researchers planning mental health services research projects.

*Baseline MHS Research Data:* Additionally, the EOU is beginning to summarize data from a variety of sources that will provide researchers with baseline utilization rates, outcome rates, and costs of mental health services. These data may be used by UC Davis researchers to inform current research and to establish baselines for evaluating intervention effectiveness.