

CMHS/SAMHSA Data Infrastructure Grants/ Uniform Reporting System Regional Conference Call Report January 15, 2008

Group 1 – Northeast, 11AM
Group 2 – Midwest/Southeast, 2PM
Group 3 – Western/Pacific/Territories, 4PM
Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Olinda Gonzalez

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Agenda:

1. 2008 DIG Annual Meeting Logistics (facilitated by Kristin Roberts/SDICC)

Call participants were provided the following information about the upcoming DIG Annual Meeting:

Time: starts at 2 pm on Wednesday, February 13th and continues to the following day, February 14th.

Place: The Westin Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. It is accessible via the Orange Line of the Metro (Ballston Station) and close to Route 66.

To receive the government rate at the hotel, participants were reminded they must reserve their hotel room by January 23rd. All participants should also register for the conference via the on-line registration. Links were provided in the announcement sent out earlier:

- To register for ***both*** the NRI Annual State Mental Health Research Conference and the Mental Health DIG Annual Conference, please click [here](#) (note there is a registration fee for the NRI Conference)
- (<https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/Registration/RegistrationForm.jsp?ActivityID=2142&ItemID=7761>). **(Be sure to check the box at the bottom that says “I will also be attending the DIG Annual Meeting (2/13-2/14)”**)
- To register ***only*** for the Mental Health Data Infrastructure Grant Annual Conference, please click [here](#) (there is No Fee for the DIG Meeting
- (<https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/Registration/RegistrationForm.jsp?ActivityID=2268&ItemID=8252>).

Any questions or issues related to registration or the hotel should be directed to Kristin Roberts at the NRI (e-mail at: Kristin.roberts@nri-inc.org or phone at 703-682-7559).

2. 2008 DIG Annual Meeting Agenda (facilitated by Ted Lutterman/SDICC)

A review of the draft agenda was provided. Dr. Kathryn Powers has accepted the invitation to be the keynote speaker.

Immediately after the keynote, a review of the six years of URS reporting will be conducted. New to this meeting is the State Perspective to be given by a State data representative and a State Planner. This will be followed by NRI/SDICC annual report on the national status of URS reporting and preliminary data analysis.

The first day will end with a poster session where states can showcase how they have used, are using, or intend to use the URS, NOMS, and PHQ-8 data to inform and manage their mental health system. A reception and a special recognition award to be given at the poster session are being planned. States are encouraged to contact the NRI to discuss any ideas they have regarding potential poster session topics.

The second day will include a plenary session on the Client Level Reporting Project to be presided by CMHS and NRI, and two representatives from the selected pilot states will be invited to give a response/reaction. This is followed by a small group round table discussion on the state use of NOMS and other URS data in Mental Health Block Grant planning. The discussion will focus on state approaches to target setting and development of the state plan. Each group will be comprised of state planners, data representatives, CMHS, NRI, and other attendees to get a variety of perspectives. An invited guest speaker from outside the Mental Health field is being considered to speak on the topic of target setting/benchmarking. One prospective speaker is from the Association of Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Planning and another is from the academia who is a subject expert in the field. A state planner will be invited to give a reaction to the guest speaker's talk on its applicability to mental health.

Four break-out sessions will be available. The topics covered are:

- Evidence-Based Practices Expert Panel Recommendations
- Criminal Justice Involvement White Paper
- Update on the BRFSS Modules (K-6 and Stigma Modules and PHQ-8 Analysis)
- Review of URS Reporting Guidelines with time available for state consultation

An agenda item for reports back from the break-out session discussion will be added to the agenda.

The last meeting agenda is a plenary to be facilitated by CMHS' Debra Baldwin on the Federal Register Notice for the FY 2009-2011 Mental Health Block Grant Application and Implementation Reports. According to Debra, they anticipate posting of this Notice before the DIG meeting.

3. Workgroup Conference Calls (facilitated by Bernadette Phelan)

Two Workgroups are scheduled to meet in the month of January:

- (1) PHQ-8 WG will meet on Thursday, January 24th, 3:30-4:45 pm EST. Three states (HI, CT, MA) will give state presentation on their PHQ-8 data analysis and Dr. Amy Fan of CDC will provide her reaction. This will be the first of a series of state presentations on PHQ-8 state data analysis.
- (2) Workgroup tasked to address the implementation issues for the existing criminal justice survey items will meet on Thursday, January 31st, 2:30-4:15 pm EST. The task of the group is to recommend modification of the existing verbal (language) and visual design of the criminal justice survey items which have created some confusion among the survey respondents.

4. DIG III Year 2 Continuation Application

Dr. Gonzalez discussed about the e-mail sent out through the DIG listserv regarding the Year 2 application letter. Several states informed Olinda that they have not received a letter from CMHS regarding this matter. Olinda advised the group to check with the person whose name appears on the state DIG Grant Application as the state contact person. All CMHS communications are generally addressed to this individual.

Dr. Gonzalez emphasized the following notes:

Due date: **March 15, 2008**

Program Narrative: should be less than 25 pages

State may submit their application on-line or send a hard copy in the mail.

All original signatures should be submitted in the mail.

5. SAMHSA-CDC Interagency Agreement

Dr. Gonzalez reported that interested states may apply to CDC for funding K-6 and Stigma Module to be added in the state's 2009 BRFSS. State BRFSS Coordinator has to file the application. CDC will make an announcement some time in May/June 2008.

Dr. Gonzalez requested state representatives to call her if interested in this project.

Some state representatives have been informed by their BRFSS Coordinators that the funding provided by CDC is not adequate to fully cover the cost of implementing the entire module. Dr. Gonzalez will check this with her CDC counterpart.

A question was raised whether the DIG funds can be used to supplement the funding provided by CDC. Dr. Gonzalez said 'No' as it is not within the intended use of the DIG funds.

Dr. Gonzalez mentioned that funding for 10 states will be available to support data analysis. States can apply for the DIG Supplement, which will remain open until CDC announces the successful state applicants for the K-6 implementation.

The next CDC/BRFSS Conference will be held in Orlando, Florida in March. Interested DIG states may use their DIG travel funds to attend the conference.

6. State Technical Assistance

Under the new SDICC contract, a technical assistance funding has been allocated to assist states for on-site TA. Interested states have to complete the TA application and submit to NRI/SDICC for review and CMHS approval. The application form and instructions are available on the NRI website, <http://www.nri-inc.org/projects/SDICC/TA/TAapplication08.doc>.

In addition to the state TA, group TA will also be held throughout the year. The first group TA will be on Consumer Surveys. This will involve TA to assist states interested to improving their sampling approaches and improving survey response rates. The TA will be provided sometime in May or June 2008. Interested states should notify either Ted or Bernadette. States were also requested to suggest topics for future group TA. One suggested topic from Kentucky is assistance in collecting data for the School Attendance NOM.

Due to the February Annual DIG Meeting, there will be no Regional Calls during February. The next Regional conference calls will be in March. No date has been set.