

# State Data Infrastructure Grants/Uniform Reporting System (DIG/URS): Consumer Survey Items: 2005

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1. Social Connectedness
2. Improved Functioning
3. Criminal Justice
4. School Attendance

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# NOMS 4&5 Change Measures Workgroup: Issues Identified in Making Change Measures:

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What are the appropriate "T1" and "T2" time points?

- States update living situations (T2) at various frequencies. What is the optimal time frame to update?
- What are the costs of requiring standard updates of client status at T2?
- Many states have reported they only track admission status, they do not currently have a follow-up update recorded.

# NOMs 6-9: Testing Consumer Self-Report Items for NOMs

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- Functioning Improvements (both Child and Adult versions) (NOM 6)
- Social Connectedness (both Child and Adult versions) (NOM 7)
- Criminal Justice Involvement (NOM 8)
- Juvenile Justice Involvement (NOM 8)
- School Attendance (Child) (NOM 9)

# NOMs 6-9: Testing Consumer Self-Report Items for NOMs

- When SAMHSA Announced the NOMs, there were 2 NOMs for which there was no existing URS Table:
  - Functioning Improvements (NOM 6)
  - Social Connectedness (SC) (NOM 7)
- CMHS established a new DIG Workgroup to address these Issues
  - Workgroup met with CMHS and SAMHSA staff regarding how to operationalize and measure these two indicators. SAMHSA indicated they didn't have a mental health measure identified and asked the workgroup to develop and test measures.

# NOMs 6-9: Testing Consumer Self-Report Items for NOMs

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## DIG Workgroup on SC & Functioning

- Workgroup surveyed states about any measures they already were doing for Functioning & Social Connectedness
- Workgroup met with CMHS and SAMHSA along the way in identifying and refining measures

# NOMs 6-9: Testing Consumer Self-Report Items for NOMs

## DIG Workgroup on SC & Functioning Social Connectedness:

- Some states had tested consumer survey items related to SC
- Literature Review identified some items in surveys by CDC and others
- A set of questions were identified and presented to CMHS and states
- A Focus group of MH Consumers and Family members reviewed and modified items.
- CMHS asked states to pilot items as part of their MHSIP Surveys

# NOMs 6-9: Testing Consumer Self-Report Items for NOMs

## DIG Workgroup on SC & Functioning Functioning:

- A Few states have standardized Functioning Instruments used statewide
  - No consistency in what instruments are used
  - Several states had recently dropped requiring standardized assessment instruments due to provider concerns of cost and burden
- States requested testing a consumer Self-report item based on the MHSIP Outcomes Domain
- A set of potential questions were identified and presented to CMHS and states

# NOMs 6-9: Testing Consumer Self-Report Items for NOMs

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- A consumer focus group reviewed and modified items
- At the February 2005 National DIG Conference states were asked to pilot test items
- Analysis of State Survey results currently underway

# Social Connectedness Adult Questions (NOM 6)

*Other than my service providers ...*

1. I know people who will listen and understand me when I need to talk.
2. In a crisis, I would have the support I need from family or friends.
3. When I need help right away, I know people I can call on.
4. I have more than one friend.
5. I am happy with the friendships I have.
6. I have people with whom I can do enjoyable things.
7. I feel I belong in my community.

# Social Connectedness Child/ Family Questions (NOM 6)

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*Other than my child's service providers ...*

1. I know people who will listen and understand me when I need to talk.
2. In a crisis, I would have the support I need from family or friends.
3. I have people that I am comfortable talking with about my child's problems.
4. I have people that I am comfortable talking to about private things.
5. I have more than one friend.
6. I am happy with the friendships I have.
7. I have people with whom I can do enjoyable things

# Functioning: Adult Questions (NOM 7)

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*As a result of the services I received ...*

1. I do things that are more meaningful to me.
2. I am better able to take care of my needs.
3. I am better able to handle things when they go wrong.
4. I am better able to do things that I want to do.

# Functioning: Child Questions (NOM 7)

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*As a result of the services my child received*

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1. My child is better able to do things he or she wants to do.

Plus existing YSS-F items related to functioning

# NOMs 8 & 9: Criminal Justice Contacts & School Attendance

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- URS Developmental Table 19 focuses on both adult and child criminal justice (CJ) contacts and Child School Attendance
- DIG Workgroup has been refining approach to CJ & School data
  - 2 years of state reporting on CJ contacts identified 3 approaches states use to get CJ data
    1. Client record data—completed by clinicians or case managers (sometimes only collected at admission)
    2. Linking or Estimating overlap CJ files with SMHA client records
    3. Consumer Self-report through Survey Items
      1. Items already existed in the YSS-F

# NOMs 8: Criminal Justice Contacts

- DIG workgroup found states were very concerned about the cost of adding and maintaining criminal justice data to client records and have strong interest in both (1) Linking to CJ data and (2) Self-Report through survey options.
- Several States who tried to link CJ files had resistance, burden, and cost barriers to obtaining and working with arrests data from CJ or lacked SMHA client level data to link
- Therefore CMHS approved developing and testing consumer self-report items on arrests.
  - Items were reviewed and modified by the Consumer and Family Focus Group in January-February 2005
  - Items are currently being pilot tested by States

# NOMs 8: Criminal Justice

## Contacts: Adult Questions

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1. Were you arrested during the past 12 months?
2. Were you arrested during the 12 months prior to that?

Proportions to be calculated:

Of those persons arrested in the prior 12 months, the number not arrested in the most recent 12 months, and, of those persons not arrested in the prior 12 months, the number arrested in the most recent 12 months. Of all respondents, the percent arrested in the past year, and the percent arrested in the year prior to that.

# NOMs 8: Criminal Justice Contacts: Child Survey Questions

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1. Was your child arrested during the past 12 months?
2. Was your child arrested during the 12 months prior to that?

## Proportions to be calculated:

Of those persons arrested in the prior 12 months, the number not arrested in the most recent 12 months, and, of those persons not arrested in the prior 12 months, the number arrested in the most recent 12 months. Of all respondents, the percent arrested in the past year, and the percent arrested in the year prior to that.

# NOM 9: School Attendance

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The DIG Workgroup found states had even less success getting School data from administrative sources than they did CJ. Therefore, the DIG worked with CMHS and the Family Focus Group to develop self-report items on school attendance:

Schools often wouldn't share data or no state database was available for linking (e.g., attendance data is usually maintained at the local school board level)

# NOM 9: School Attendance: Survey items being tested

## Caregiver School Questions

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1. Was your child expelled or suspended during the past 12 months?
2. Was your child expelled or suspended during the 12 months prior to that?
3. Since starting to receive services, the number of days my child was in school is (a.) greater, (b.) about the same, (c.) less, (d.) does not apply (to count those caregivers whose children may be too young to be in school).

# NOMs (6-9) Survey Items Workplan

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- States are pilot testing items this year and are submitting data to SDICC for analysis
- Workgroups developed a “Protocol” to collect information from states about which items they are testing, time frames and survey methods
- Workgroups are planning a factor analysis to validate items (and shrink the number of items)
- Validation study in selected states

# NOMs (6-9) Survey Items Workplan

- 15 States are participating in the Pilot

## Adults:

- *Social Connectedness:* 9
- *Functioning:* 10
- *Criminal Justice:* 9

## Child:

- *Social Connectedness:* 11
- *Functioning:* 12
- *Criminal Justice:* 11
- *School Attendance* 12

# NOMs Survey Items Validation study in selected states

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We are looking for states that have existing data from alternative sources who are testing the Consumer Survey items.

- Goal: Assess if the self-report items have any bias in reporting compared to existing data
  - E.g. States that already uses a standardized clinician reported Functioning Instrument can compare change scores with self-report
  - States that have linked arrest data from criminal justice sources to compare with self-report arrest data.