

## **APPENDIX A**

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## **APPENDIX B**

Background Materials:

**Development and Reporting of the Mental Health NOMS: The Role and Participation of the Pacific Jurisdictions**

**Power Point Presentation by Dr. Olinda Gonzalez at the Pacific Jurisdictions Meeting held in Guam (April 2008)**

**Utility and Burden Rating of the NOMS by the States and the Pacific Jurisdictions**

## **Development and Reporting of the Mental Health NOMS: The Role and Participation of the Pacific Jurisdictions**

This section provides a background on the role and participation of the Pacific Jurisdictions in the development of the mental health NOMS, progress made in reporting the NOMS as well as their perception on the usefulness and burden of reporting the NOMS.

To meet the demands of Congress and advocates for more uniform information about how states are using the Community Mental Health Block Grant (CMHBG) in developing comprehensive community based mental health systems, the CMHS, in collaboration with the states, developed the Uniform Reporting System (URS). The URS is a central component of CMHS Block Grant reporting and now serves as the conduit for reporting the mental health NOMS.

The URS data tables and performance measures are mostly derived from the NASMHPD Framework of Performance Measures (NASMHPD Framework of Performance Measures: NASMHPD Position Statement, December 1997) and the MHSIP Consumer Oriented Report Card (Task Force on a Mental Health Consumer-Oriented Report Card. (1996, April). Many of these measures were developed and tested in the CMHS-funded 16-State Indicator Pilot Study (Lutterman, T., Ganju, V., Gonzalez, O., et.al., *16 State Study on Mental Health Performance Measures*. SAMHSA Publication No. SMA-03-3835. Rockville, MD: Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA, 2003).

Historically, these documents were the result of much collaborative work implemented through MHSIP, the NRI, the states, and CMHS through a number of grant programs beginning in 1996 that piloted selected indicators that were recommended for state mental health systems implementation. Although information about the piloting of these measures were available to the Pacific Jurisdictions, they were not a grantee to any of these grant initiatives and none of these measures were piloted specific to their environment.

### **Role of the Pacific Jurisdictions in the Development of the NOMS:**

The advent of the Data Infrastructure Grant in 2001, however, provided opportunity for the Pacific Jurisdictions to become partners in the development process as a DIG grantee. A collaborative process involving the CMHS, the contractor (SDICC/NRI), and the states (including the Pacific Jurisdictions) was developed to refine and test the operational feasibility of the URS tables for state reporting.

Every month since October 2001, three sets of one-hour regional conference calls are hosted by CMHS to facilitate discussion among CMHS, the SDICC, and the grantees. A state/Jurisdiction mental health planner and mental health data representative from each grantee participate in

each of these calls. These monthly calls have been used to review the work of the SDICC and the grant effort in generating output tables, refining URS Table definitions, and working on common and feasible reporting elements for the URS Developmental and Basic Tables.

Every year during the grant period, an Annual Grantee Meeting is held to further work on issues related to data infrastructure development and reporting of state and national measures. The Pacific Jurisdictions are invited, but not mandated, to attend this annual grantee gathering.

In addition to these periodic meetings, several URS/DIG Workgroups are established on 'as needed' basis to provide a forum for DIG grantees to hold more focused discussion on specific issues related to NOMS reporting. The Workgroup discussions and findings are reviewed at the regional conference calls and minutes of the meetings are posted on the SDICC/NRI website.

The most important venue exclusive for the US Jurisdictions is held annually as a pre-conference meeting at the Joint National Conference for Mental Health Statistics and Mental Health Block Grant. During the meeting, CMHS and the SDICC review with the US Jurisdiction representatives any changes in the URS reporting tables and/or instructions, the Jurisdictions' progress in reporting, issues related to their data collection and reporting, and identification of each Jurisdiction's training and technical assistance needs.

### **Progress of the Pacific Jurisdictions in URS and NOMS Reporting:**

In the succeeding pages, a power point presentation by Dr. Olinda Gonzalez of CMHS summarizes the progress in reporting of the URS Tables and the NOMS by the Pacific Jurisdiction.

Initial reporting from the Pacific Jurisdictions was made in 2002 by American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, and Palau. By 2007, all Jurisdictions have reported some URS data at anytime during the 5-year reporting period, 2002-2007.

Not only did the number of Pacific Jurisdictions that reported data increased but their reporting capacity likewise showed some improvements. From 19 URS Tables reported in 2002 (total for 3 Jurisdictions), this increased in 2007 to 59 tables (total for 5 Jurisdictions).

In terms of consistency in reporting, the Northern Marianas Islands and Palau have been reporting URS data every year since 2002. Guam and the Federated Islands of Micronesia have been reporting data since 2005. The American Samoa and the Marshall Islands have intermittently submitted data between 2002 and 2007.

The table below shows the latest status in NOMS reporting by the US Jurisdictions:

NOMS	AS	FM	GU	MH	MP	PW	Total Pacific	PR	VI	Total Atlantic
Access to Services		√	√	√	√	√	5	√	√	2
Perception of Care		√	√		√	√	4	√	√	2
Readmission Rate: 30 and 180 Days							0	√		1
Employment		√	√		√	√	4	√	√	2
Living Situation		√			√	√	3	√	√	2
Cost Effectiveness: Use of EBPs					√		1	√		1
Criminal Justice Involvement							0	√		1
School Attendance							0	√		1
Social Connectedness		√ (adult)				√	2	√		1
Improved Functioning		√ (adult)				√	2	√		1

Note: Based on most recent data submission status.

### **Utility and Burden of Reporting NOMS:**

In 2007, the NRI conducted a special survey of states and US Jurisdictions on the NOMS. Respondents were requested to rate the level of utility and burden of reporting the mental health NOMs.

Results of the survey are summarized in the diagrams found after the power point presentation.

The survey used a utility rating scale of 1-3 where 1 means low utility and 3 means high utility. Similarly, the burden of reporting scale was 1-3 where 1 means low burden of reporting and 3 means high burden of reporting. The DIG State Data Coordinators provided the rating.

Data showed that the level of burden for the Pacific Jurisdictions was higher (2.08) than the overall State average (1.88). In terms of the level of utility, the Pacific Jurisdictions rated the NOMS lower utility (1.70) than the overall State average (2.08).

Moreover, data showed that except for three NOMS (Employment, Access to Services, and Living Situation), the Pacific Jurisdictions rated all other NOMS with high burden. Whereas they rated all but one NOM as having low utility (the criminal justice involvement was slightly above the mid point of 2.0).

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## **Utility and Burden Rating of the NOMS by the States and the Pacific Jurisdictions**

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For each dot, the label is read as:

T#T = URS Table# rated by the Territories

T#S = URS Table# rated by the States

The URS Table # cited is the basic source of data for calculating each mental health NOM, as follows:

URS Table #	NOM Calculated
T2	Access to Services
T3	Access to Services
T4	Employment
T4a	Employment
T9Sc	Social Connectedness
T9F	Improved Functioning
T11	Perception of Care
T14	Access to Services
T15	Living Situation
T16	EBPs
T17	EBPs
T19CJ	Criminal Justice Involvement
T19Sch	School Attendance
T20	Readmission Rates