

CMHS/SAMHSA Data Infrastructure Grants/ Uniform Reporting System Regional Conference Call Report August 5, 2008

Group 1 – Northeast, 11AM

Group 2 – Midwest/Southeast, 2PM

Group 3 – Western/Pacific/Territories, 4PM

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Agenda:

1. **2008 URS Tables**
2. **2007 URS Output tables and NOMS going on the SAMHSA website**
3. **White Papers on (1) Criminal Justice and (2) Sampling for Consumer Surveys**
4. **Children's Evidence-Based Practices Workgroup Report**
5. **BRFSS-MHSIP Workgroup Report**
6. **Upcoming Training: Data Integrity TA Workshop: September/October 2008**
7. **Information on DIG Supplement RFA**
8. **DIG Grant Carry-Over**
9. **OMB Approval of MHBG Application/Report**
10. **Next Monthly Regional Calls**

1. **2008 URS Tables:** Ted Lutterman (SDICC/NRI) reported that there are no changes in the content from the 2007 URS Tables that states reported last year and this year's 2008 URS Tables. The SDICC is currently reviewing the data edits that are built into the Excel Spreadsheets and will be sending 2008 URS Tables to the states in the next week.
2. **2007 URS Reporting Status:** Olinda Gonzalez (CMHS) discussed the progress states have made in reporting URS tables—especially the tables used to generate the NOMS. The 2007 data is now final and more states reported NOMS data than any prior year. The 2007 URS data is going up on the SAMHSA Website—both in the NOMS section and the individual state URS tables on the CMHS section of the site. Data should be available by the end of August.
3. **EBP Workgroup:** Jeanne Rivard: Dr. Jeanne Rivard from the NRI reviewed the status of the EBP workgroup and the state survey on children's EBPs. The EBP workgroup has been exploring adding additional EBPs for Children, based on new EBP Toolkits that CMHS is finalizing, and had prepared a survey for states to determine if there are any of the children's EBPs that have widespread adoption by SMHAs.

Dr. Rivard reviewed preliminary results from the state survey. As of Monday, August 4th, 22 states had sent in completed surveys (and 4 states submitted results today to late to include in the analysis). The most frequently "Promoted" EBP by states was: Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (14 states), followed by Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (8 states). However, most states that were promoting these child EBPs reported that they would be unable to report counts of children who received

these services or demographic information without requiring new procedures to count the number of children receiving EBPs.

States that have not sent in their completed surveys on the Child EBPs they are implementing are encouraged to do so. After the NRI compiles additional results, the EBP Workgroup will be convened by conference call to discuss the results and next steps.

4. **SDICC White Papers:** **Olinda** and Ted discussed two new white papers the SDICC has commissioned. CMHS is completing their review of these White Papers and they will be distributed to the states in the next week.

- a. **Consumer Survey Sampling White Paper:** Dr. Mary Smith and Dr. Vijay Ganju have developed a white paper on best practices in drawing representative samples for consumer surveys.

The White Paper was discussed during the June 2008 TA Workshop on Consumer Surveys. Copies of the workshop presentations and materials are now posted on the SDICC website at http://www.nri-inc.org/projects/SDICC/tech_assist.cfm.

- b. **Criminal Justice DIG Workgroup:** Dr. William Fisher (University of Massachusetts) has written a White Paper reviewing the research literature on the relationship of mental health services with criminal justice involvement—particularly arrests. After this White Paper is sent out by CMHS, the DIG Criminal Justice Workgroup will reconvene by conference call to discuss future work in refining and testing the NOMs on “Reduced Criminal Justice Involvement”.

5. **BRFSS—MHSIP Survey Workgroup:** A new workgroup held on July 29, 2008 to a call to discuss using BRFSS physical health questions as part of the State MHSIP Surveys. Dr. Elsie Freeman (Medical Director in Maine) discussed how Maine used several of the BRFSS physical health questions with their annual MHSIP consumer survey. Dr. Freeman presented some results that compared reported physical health status of SMHA Consumers (from the MHSIP survey) to overall Maine population data (from the BRFSS). For their 2008 MHSIP Survey, Maine is adding 7 BRFSS questions about physical health.

A number of states expressed an interest in participating in a special workgroup to explore adding a standardized set of the BRFSS questions to the state’s MHSIP Survey. If you are interested in participating in this workgroup please contact Ted Lutterman at the SDICC/NRI. If several states do add the BRFSS questions to their MHSIP, the SDICC and CMHS will help them coordinate analyses and comparison of results and may include this in a presentation at the next DIG Annual Meeting (April 2009).

6. **Upcoming Training: Data Integrity TA Workshop: September/October 2008:** Ted Lutterman reported the SDICC is planning a workshop on techniques and approaches to improve the quality and integrity of data reported to the SMHA and used for URS and other reporting. This will be a one or two day workshop in the Washington, DC area in September or October 2008. The SDICC is currently working to identify experts to present on approaches they are using at the workshop and to finalize workshop dates.

The SDICC will be able to pay for the travel and hotel expenses of one representative from up to 20 states. Please contact Ted Lutterman at 703-682-9463 or ted.lutterman@nri-inc.org if you are interested in participating and/or if you have any recommendations for potential faculty for the workshop.

7. **DIG Grant Announcements/Continuations:** Olinda Gonzalez reported on the renewals of the DIG grants. Notices of grant continuation have been sent to the states. If you have not received a notice about your state's DIG grant continuation, contact Dr. Gonzalez at CMHS.
8. **OMB Approval:** Deborah Baldwin (CMHS) announced that the Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the MHBG Application and Reporting guidelines for the next three (3) years. The approved application was presented to the states during the May National Conference on the Mental Health Block Grant. The WebBGAS system has been updated to reflect the approved application forms.
9. **Next Monthly Regional Calls:**
The next set of DIG Regional Conference Calls are scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2008
11:00 EDT Northeast Region
2:00 EDT South and Midwestern Regions
4:00 EDT West and Pacific Jurisdictions

Reminder: The 2009 DIG Annual Meeting will be held on April 16-17, 2009: The 2009 DIG Annual Meeting will be moved back from February to April in 2009. The DIG Annual Meeting will be held on April 16-17, 2009 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC. The 2009 DIG meeting will immediately follow the NRI's Annual State Mental Health Agency Services Research and Evaluation Conference.