

CMHS/SAMHSA Data Infrastructure Grants/ Uniform Reporting System Regional Conference Call Report December 16, 2008

Group 1 – Northeast, 11AM

Group 2 – Midwest/Southeast, 2PM

Group 3 – Western/Pacific/Territories, 4PM

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Agenda:

1. Discussion of December 1, 2008 URS Reporting Issues
2. DIG Workgroup Reports
 - Children’s Evidence-Based Practices Workgroup Report
 - Criminal Justice Workgroup Report
 - DIG Supplement (BRFSS) Workgroup Report
3. Update on the Client Level Mental Health NOMS Pilot Project
4. Report on the Data Integrity/Data Quality Workshop held during November 2008
5. Planning for the DIG Annual Meeting (April 16-17, 2009)
6. Next Monthly Regional Calls (February 3, 2009)

1. December 1, 2008 URS Reporting Issues:

- a. Ted Lutterman (SDICC) discussed the reporting status of the 2008 URS data. Data was due by December 1, 2008 and every state submitted URS tables to the SDICC. Staff at the SDICC have already commenced loading the 2008 data into the database and running edits on URS data. States will be receiving follow-up questions about their URS data during December and January.
- b. CMHS has asked the SDICC to assess the reporting of clients’ status on various measures as “not available”. States that report high levels of consumer status as “not available” on various URS measures such as age, gender, race, employment status, living situation, etc. will be queried by the SDICC regarding the reasons for high reporting of unknowns and assistance they may need to resolve these issues.
- c. Draft Output Tables will be sent to states for review in early 2009. Since the 2009 DIG Annual Meeting has been moved back to mid-April, 2009, the goal is to have all state data issues resolved to allow presentations using final data at the April meeting.

2. DIG/URS Workgroup Reports:

- a. **EBP Workgroup:** Jeanne Rivard (NRI): The workgroup has completed their work to prepare a new Optional URS table to allow states to report on their provision of additional Children’s Evidence Based Practices. A draft Optional Table to compile this data was sent to the DIG listserv prior to the call. The proposed table gathers information related to the two (2) separate National Outcome Measures (NOMS) that SAMHSA has been calculating related to mental health EBPs
 - a. Percent of Children receiving any EBP Service

- b. Number of Different Child EBPs being promoted by states. This section includes a list of a number of new children's EBPs and gathers information regarding if the state is promoting the EBP, how many programs exist, and if Fidelity is being measured.

The Optional table is designed so states could report either part A and/or part B.

The proposed Optional Tables and workgroup report was supported by participants during the regional calls. The workgroup will formally send its recommendations to CMHS for their consideration.

- b. **Criminal Justice DIG Workgroup:** The workgroup is exploring options to improve the URS measure of "Reduced Criminal Justice Involvement". A subcommittee of the Criminal Justice NOMS Workgroup reviewed and refined a short survey of SMHAs that asks states if they have access to data on various potential measures related to criminal justice involvement. The Workgroup is using the Sequential Intercept Model that has been used by SAMHSA for a number of their mental health diversion program initiatives to guide the focus on various locations where mental health consumers interact with parts of the criminal justice system.
1. Police
 2. Courts
 3. Corrections (local jails, detention centers, prisons)
 4. Community Corrections (probation and parole)

Several State participants on the Regional calls supported the use of the Sequential Intercept Model for focusing the survey.

The survey was sent to the DIG listserv on December 12, 2008. States are asked to respond by December 30, 2008. Twenty-four states have responded to the survey. The SDICC will compile results and hold a workgroup conference call during January 2009, to review the results.

- c. **The DIG Supplement Work Group:** Bernadette Phelan (SDICC) reported on the workgroup activities. On December 11, 2008, the workgroup held a conference call during which representatives from the States of Maryland and Massachusetts, and CDC were invited guest speakers.

Tim Santoni from Maryland presented the results of their analysis using the State's 2006 and 2007 BRFSS data on the implementation of the PHQ-8 module.

Kristen Roy from Massachusetts discussed some of the methodological challenges that were encountered in the course of analyzing the State's BRFSS K-6 and Stigma Module data. She was joined in this discussion by Dr. Amy Fan of CDC. The following summarizes these issues:

- Comparing State findings using BRFSS data with estimates from the NSDUH; and/or comparing findings across States
- Data analysis involving complex sampling design
- Handling missing data
- Limitation of small sample size
- Interpreting the prevalence of mental illness using the K-6 questions administered in different instruments

Dr. Amy Fan provided some guidance on how to address the issues. Lastly, Mr. Satvinder Dhingra of CDC presented a comprehensive review of the various instruments measuring the prevalence of mental illness that are currently used for public health surveillance.

- d. Pacific Jurisdictions Workgroup: On December 16, a conference call was held with 4 of the Pacific Jurisdictions to discuss their reporting of URS data and how the NOMs measures can be made more culturally appropriate for their island populations. After the conference call, Bernadette Phelan (SDICC) sent an e-mail outlining the proceedings of the call to the primary DIG representatives from Guam and American Samoa who were not able to attend the conference call.

The group agreed to adopt the Short-Term Action Plan outlined in the Pacific Jurisdictions' NOMS Report submitted by CMHS to SAMHSA. In February, the WG will convene to discuss the Employment measure.

3. **Data Integrity TA Workshop: November 13-14, 2008:** Ted Lutterman discussed the workshop on techniques and approaches to improve the quality and integrity of data reported to the SMHA and used for URS and other reporting. Staff from Florida (Sen-Yoni Musingo), Indiana (Sue Lummus), Rhode Island (Ron Tremper), Texas (Dean Ortega), and Access Behavioral Health (Larry Williams and Mike Potters) did an incredible job covering details on how to improve data quality. Participants at the workshop gave the presenters very high ratings for the quality and content of their presentations. All presentations from the workshop are now available on the NRI's website at: http://www.nri-inc.org/projects/SDICC/tech_assist.cfm

In addition to the workshop PowerPoint presentations that are available on-line, the SDICC prepared a CD with examples from states of data edit routines, protocols for conducting provider data audits, samples of performance contracts with providers regarding data, examples of performance reports or other output reports used to improve data quality, and similar activities. If you would like a copy of the resource CD, please e-mail Kristin Roberts at the NRI/SDICC: Kristin.roberts@nri-inc.org

4. Update on the CMHS-funded Client Level NOMS Pilot Project: Ted Lutterman reported that the Client Level Pilot (CLP) is working with SAMHSA and 9 SMHAs to develop and test the reporting of de-identified client level data to generate the mental health NOMS. The NRI and states have completed the development of the reporting protocol, including specific data elements to be reported, their coding scheme, and record layouts. Once the data protocol is approved for release, a copy will be made available to other states who wish to see the record layouts. The nine pilot states are currently preparing to submit test files of client data and the first year reporting (T1) will be completed in early 2009.
5. **2009 DIG Annual Meeting:** The 2009 DIG Annual Meeting will be moved 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.
6. Because the budget shortages facing many states makes it difficult for some states to travel to meetings, Dr. Gonzalez is preparing a letter that will be sent to DIG states that reminds states that one of the DIG Grant conditions is that each state send their state DIG representative and a state mental health planner to the DIG Annual Meeting.

A Conference Planning Committee was established with volunteers from each of the DIG Regions. The Planning Committee will meet by conference call to identify themes, sessions, and recommend speakers for the Annual Meeting. The first call of the Planning Committee will be held on January 8, 2008.

7. Next Monthly Regional Calls:

The next set of DIG Regional Conference Calls are scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2008.

- Roger George, SAMHSA Grants Management Specialist be available on the calls to discuss DIG grants management issues

11:00 EDT	Northeast Region
2:00 EDT	South and Midwestern Regions
4:00 EDT	West and Pacific Jurisdictions

Note: *Due to the timing of the December (12/16) and other CMHS meetings, there will be no Regional DIG Calls during January 2009.*