

CMHS/SAMHSA Data Infrastructure Grants/ Uniform Reporting System Regional Conference Call Report

February 3, 2009

Group 1 – Northeast, 11AM

Group 2 – Midwest/Southeast, 2PM

Group 3 – Western/Pacific/Territories, 4PM

Meeting Facilitator: **Olinda Gonzalez, Ph.D (CMHS)**

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Agenda:

1. **DIG Grant Continuation Issues; Roger George, CMHS Grants Management**
2. **Planning for the DIG Annual Meeting (April 16-17, 2009)**
3. **DIG Workgroup Reports**
 - **Criminal Justice Workgroup Report**
 - **DIG Supplement (BRFSS) Workgroup Report**
4. **Update on the Client Level Mental Health NOMS Pilot Project**
5. **Discussion of December 1, 2008 URS Reporting Issues**
6. **New DIG MH Consumer Survey listserve**
7. **Next Monthly Regional Calls (March 3, 2009)**

1. DIG Grant Continuations and Carry-overs: Roger George, SAMHSA Grants Management discussed the DIG Continuation Applications. Mr. George provided the following information:

- a. March 16th is the due date for all continuation applications which should be received into Division of Grants Management, SAMHSA by 5:00pm.
- b. For this year, Non - Federal match must indicate specifically that matching funds reflected on the MH-DIG Grants are not the source of other federal grant programs, as well as adhering to the other administrative requirements which can be found at **Title 45: Public Welfare PART 92—UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS TO STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS - § 92.24 Matching or cost sharing.**

Below is an excerpt from the “**92.24 Matching or Cost Sharing**”:

“(6) Records. Costs and third party in-kind contributions counting towards satisfying a cost sharing or matching requirement must be verifiable from the records of grantees and subgrantee or cost-type contractors. These records must show how the value placed on third party in-kind contributions was derived. To the extent feasible, volunteer services will be supported by the same methods that the organization uses to support the allocability of regular personnel costs.”

- c. The continuation you are applying for due by March 16th 2009 should reflect your Year 3 costs only in the budget.

- d. Grants.gov continuation letter is on website – when applying through grants.gov please follow the instructions on the Continuation Letter which is attached.

****TIP: when searching for application, in the “Announcement Number field enter - SAMHSACONT 09-02 “to access the correct package. Ignore the CFDA number. ****

2. **2009 DIG Annual Meeting:** The 2009 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. Attendees can register for the DIG meeting at: <http://www.nri-inc.org/projects/SDICC/DIGMeeting/index.cfm>. This site also will link attendees to the Hyatt Hotel’s website to make hotel registration (note Attendees must book their own hotel rooms at the Grand Hyatt. Rooms at the DIG Conference discounted rate must be booked by March 13, 2009 (in order to guarantee you receive the government hotel rate).

The DIG Annual Meeting Planning Committee has met and developed a recommended set of agenda topics for Plenary and Breakout Sessions. The Planning Committee is recommending this year’s conference increase the number of smaller breakout sessions to permit additional state-to-state dialog.

WORKGROUP RECOMMENDED TOPICS:

POTENTIAL PLENARY SESSIONS:

- CMHS Director Kathryn Power Keynote Address
- Introductory session providing an overview by SDICC of state’s data for 2008/URS Use of data (include a state Planner, State Data Staff, and Planning Council member in this presentation)
- Evaluating budget cuts/federal guidance on MHBG
- MHSIP Consumer Surveys:
 - How states are using them for QI and planning
 - Affordability
 - Use of data/quality

POTENTIAL BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- Update on CMHS Client-level project with 9 states
- Electronic Health Records: How to implement them and how are SMHAs accessing data from EHRs
- Health/Mental Health integration (panel discussion)
 - Survey Data, Linking Data, other approaches
- NOMs and target settings
- Future directions with the block grant
- Veteran’s Mental Health Needs and SMHAs
 - Tracking use of MH Services by Active Duty Military, Veterans, and their Families
 - Linking SMHA data with VA and DOD data systems
 - Traumatic Brain Injury & PTSD Needs and services

Potential Round Table Discussion Topic: Impact of State budget shortages/budget cuts on consumers

- methods to assess the impact of cuts on consumers,
- impact on other systems (e.g., do Jails, Prison, ER costs increase with MH reductions?)
- impact on data systems

States are encouraged to volunteer to present on their activities as part of plenary and breakout sessions. Please send an e-mail to Ted Lutterman at NRI/SDICC your state is interested in presenting at either a plenary or breakout session.

In addition to the Plenary, Breakout, and Roundtable sessions, the conference will also repeat the Poster Session on Thursday evening. The poster session will focus on how states are using data for planning and systems improvement. As was done last year, the Posters will be reviewed by an outside panel and recognition awards given to the top posters. Due to limited space for posters (the hotel space can accommodate 15 posters), we may have to limit the number of poster sessions that at the meeting.

States are encouraged to apply to presenting on their activities related to the DIG grants and URS reporting of data as part of one of the plenary and/or breakout sessions. Please call or e-mail Ted Lutterman at the NRI/SDICC (ted.lutterman@nri-inc.org or 703-682-9463) to discuss presenting on your state's work.

Because the budget shortages facing many states makes it difficult for some states to travel to meetings, Dr. Gonzalez has prepared a letter that will be sent to the Mental Health Commissioners in every DIG state that emphasizes that one of the Federal DIG Grant conditions is that each state send their state DIG representative and a state mental health planner to this DIG Annual Meeting. Please contact Dr. Gonzalez at CMHS if you anticipate difficulty with travel to the conference.

3. **December 1, 2008 URS Reporting Issues:**

- a. Ted Lutterman (SDICC) discussed the reporting status of the 2008 URS data. Data was submitted December 1, 2008 and staff at the SDICC have loaded the 2008 data into the database and run edits on every state's URS data. States should have all received follow-up questions about their URS data during December and January. If you are working on any corrections or additional data, please contact the SDICC to let us know when to expect corrections.
- b. 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.
- c. The 2007 URS tables have not yet gone up on the SAMHSA website due to issues that the URS (and most other SAMHSA contracts are having with new Section 508 web requirements). We hope to have these issues resolved shortly and the data tables will then be posted on the SAMHSA website. If you would need a copy of your state's 2007 final Output Tables before they are on the SAMHSA website, contact the SDICC and a copy will be e-mailed to you.

4. **DIG/URS Workgroup Reports:**

- a. **EBP Workgroup:** Olinda Gonzalez reported that CMHS has received the workgroup's recommendation to add a new **Optional** URS table to allow states to report on their provision of additional Children's Evidence Based Practices. CMHS is considering the workgroups' recommendations to include in future URS reporting.
- b. **Criminal Justice DIG Workgroup:** The workgroup is exploring options to improve the URS measure of "Reduced Criminal Justice Involvement". Over 40 states responded to a brief survey developed by the CJ Workgroup about the access states have 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)

The workgroup's survey subcommittee will meet by conference call on February 5, 2009 to discuss the results and additional analyses of the survey results. A full CJ Workgroup committee call will be scheduled for latter in February and a report on the survey will be prepared for the March Regional DIG Calls.

- c. **The DIG Supplement Work Group:** Bernadette Phelan (SDICC) reported on the workgroup activities. On February 5, 2009, at 1:30 EST, the workgroup will hold a conference call during which Tara Strine of the CDC will review the analyses she has completed of the PHQ-8 module of the BRFSS. States are encouraged to participate in this conference call to discuss analyses of the PHQ-8 measures of depression and anxiety.

The workgroup has invited Dr. Ronald Kessler, developer of the K6 (used as a module with the BRFSS) to participate in a future conference call to discuss the various versions of the K6 and discuss additional analyses using this instrument.

Dr. Gonzalez reminded states that any state that received at DIG Supplement to analyze the PHQ8 and/or the K6 need to send her a report with copies of analyses of the supplement data. Please contact Dr. Gonzalez with any questions about what needs to be included in the report.

5. 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. The nine pilot states are submitted test files of client data during January 2009 and the first year reporting (T1) will be completed in early February 2009. A report on the progress of this pilot project is planned for the April DIG Annual Meeting.

6. Next Monthly Regional Calls:

The next set of DIG Regional Conference Calls are scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

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 (12/16/08) call, and other CMHS meetings, there was no Regional DIG Calls during January 2009.