

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

March 3, 2009

Group 1 – Northeast, 11AM

Group 2 – Midwest/Southeast, 2PM

Group 3 – Western/Pacific/Territories, 4PM

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Agenda:

1. **DIG Workgroup Reports**
 - **Criminal Justice Workgroup Report**
 - **DIG Supplement (BRFSS) Workgroup Report**
 - **EBP Workgroup Update**
2. **DIG Continuation Applications**
3. **Planning for the DIG Annual Meeting (April 16-17, 2009)**
4. **New DIG MH Consumer Survey listserve**
5. **Discussion of December 1, 2008 URS Reporting Issues**
6. **No Regional Calls Scheduled for April, due to DIG National Meeting April 16-17**

1. DIG/URS Workgroup Reports:

- a. **Criminal Justice DIG Workgroup:** The workgroup is exploring options to improve the URS measure of “Reduced 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)

In February, a subcommittee of the workgroup met and reviewed the results of a survey conducted about SMHA experiences accessing and using information about potential measures related to mental health and criminal justice. 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 recommended the NRI follow-up with a number of states to gather additional information about their experience working with various types of criminal justice data. The NRI is currently following up with states and will synthesize results for discussion by the workgroup later in March.

- b. **The DIG Supplement Work Group:** Bernadette Phelan (SDICC) reported on the workgroup activities. On February 5, 2009, the workgroup held a conference call during which Tara Strine of the CDC reviewed the analyses CDC completed of the PHQ-8 module of the BRFSS. Copies of Ms. Strine's PowerPoint Slides, a CDC publication of results, and notes from the meeting are available on the NRI's website at: http://www.nri-inc.org/projects/SDICC/work_groups.cfm

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.

The CDC is holding their annual BRFSS meeting March 14-18, 2009, in Atlanta, Georgia. This meeting is designed for state BRFSS coordinators and others using BRFSS data. The first two days of the meeting (March 14-15) focus on training on the using BRFSS data. Dr. Gonzalez indicated that it is permissible for states to use their DIG Grant funds to cover costs to participate at this conference. The agenda and conference information can be found at: <http://www.brfss2009conference.com/>

- c. **Children's EBP Workgroup:** Olinda Gonzalez reported that CMHS is reviewing 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.
2. **DIG Grant Continuations and Carry-overs:** Olinda Gonzalez reminded states that March 16th is the due date for all DIG continuation applications. States with any questions about the continuation applications are asked to contact Roger George (SAMHSA Grants Management) 240-276-1418 or by e-mail at: Roger.George@samhsa.hhs.gov. Please "cc" Olinda Gonzalez at 240-276-1762 or by e-mail at Olinda.gonzalez@samhsa.hhs.gov.
3. **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). To date, representatives from 38 states have registered for the conference.

Twenty-five (25) State Planning Council Chairs have been invited to attend the Thursday portion of the DIG Annual Meeting to help planning councils better understand the URS and NOMs data. During Friday, the Planning Council Chairs will hold their own training meeting.

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.

POTENTIAL PLENARY SESSIONS:

- CMHS Keynote Address (CMHS Deputy Director invited)

- 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 present 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, CMHS sent a letter 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.

4. **December 1, 2008 URS Reporting:** Ted Lutterman of the SDICC discussed that the cleaning and reporting of the 2008 URS data submission is being completed. All states will be e-mailed Draft Output Tables will be sent to states for review this week (March 3, 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.
5. **Consumer Survey Listserve:** During February the SDICC initiated a new listserv dedicated to issues related to conducting and reporting data from mental health consumer surveys. To date, over 90 state and federal staff have joined the listserv. Discussion topics have ranged from the use of incentives to increase response rates, to adding health questions to the MHSIP Survey, to use of child surveys.

Each of the three regional groups spent some time discussing the use of the listserv. Respondents commented that the listserv has been a useful forum to exchange ideas about how states are conducting consumer surveys. CMHS and the SDICC will monitor how well the listserv is meeting state needs.

It was recommended that the NRI/SDICC prepare a monthly summary of discussion topics from the listserv that can be posted on the SDICC website for all states to see. In addition, Dr. Gonzalez indicated that CMHS is interested in following up on the use of various health questions with the MHSIP surveys. The SDICC will convene a workgroup of states who have added health questions to their MHSIP surveys to discuss their experiences, the results of their surveys, and to identify any standardized questions that could be recommended for other states to use. This workgroup may meet during the June 18-19, 2009 National Conference on the Mental Health Block Grant.

6. Next Monthly Regional Calls:

Due to the timing of the April DIG National Meeting, no Regional DIG Calls will be held during April 2009. The next set of calls will be held during May 2009.