

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

## May 28, 2009

Group 1 – Northeast, 11AM

Group 2 – Midwest/Southeast, 2PM

Group 3 – Western/Pacific/Territories, 4PM

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*Note: No calls were held during April 2009, due to the April DIG National Meeting*

### Agenda:

1. **DIG Workgroup Reports**
  - **EBP Workgroup Update**
  - **Developing a Health Question Module for MHSIP Consumer Surveys**
  - **Criminal Justice Workgroup Report**
2. **DIG Continuation Applications**
3. **DIG Supplements to add a Depression module to the BRFSS**
4. **Update on the Client Level Data Pilot on mental health NOMS**
5. **Planning for the National Grantee Conference on The Mental Health Block Grant and Data (June 17-19, 2009)**
6. **URS Output Tables on the SAMHSA Website**
7. **Discussion of State Budget Shortfalls and ARRA funds for health IT**
8. **Next regional calls (July 9, 2009)**

### 1. **DIG/URS Workgroup Reports:**

- a. **Children's EBP Workgroup:** Jeanne Rivard and Ted Lutterman reported on the recommendations of the Children's EBP Workgroup to add a new **Optional** URS table to allow states to report on their provision of additional Children's Evidence Based Practices. The CMHS Children's Mental Health Program group at CMHS reviewed the recommended new tables and responded very favorably to the proposed tables. CMHS is now preparing to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to include the tables within the URS.

To prepare for the OMB request, CMHS has asked the SDICC to identify nine (9) states to pilot the new optional tables. This pilot will take place during June and July 2009. Pilot states will be requested to complete the new tables, as well as to document the time required to complete the tables and identify any issues that arise as they work on the tables. Following the Pilot, a call of the EBP workgroup will be held in August to review the results of the pilot and make any needed changes to the tables before they are sent to OMB for review and approval.

- b. Developing a Health Module for the MHSIP Survey:** A number of states have followed the lead of Maine, and have added a set of physical health questions to their Adult MHSIP Consumer Surveys. CMHS is very interested in seeing if these other states find results similar to Maine of high levels of co-morbid physical health issues among mental health consumers. A new workgroup that will review the experiences of states using health questions will begin meeting via conference call in late June 2009. This workgroup will review the experiences of states adding health questions: are they finding similar results? As well as, what is the impact of adding health questions to the overall survey response rates? The ultimate goal is to identify a small set of potential health questions that could be made an optional module for the consumer surveys. Persons interested in participating in this workgroup should e-mail Ted Lutterman at [ted.lutterman@nri-inc.org](mailto:ted.lutterman@nri-inc.org).
  - c. 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. The next workgroup call will be held in late June 2009.
- 2. DIG Grant Continuations and Carry-overs:** Olinda Gonzalez updated states on the status of the DIG Continuation and Carry over reviews. SAMHSA Grants management is currently processing these applications and states will be notified and the grants awarded when review is completed.
- 3. DIG Supplements -- the PHQ-8 module implementation (depression) for the BRFSS:** Olinda Gonzalez reported that a number of states submitted applications for the new DIG Supplement module to add depression questions to the BRFSS. CMHS is currently working with CDC to finalize the Interagency Agreement to support up to 11 states conducting these modules during 2010.
- 4. Client Level Data Pilot Project:** Ted Lutterman updated the progress of the CLDP on Mental health NOMS. The pilot states are continuing to correct their initial T1 data submission and the NRI is analyzing results. A comparison of CLDP data with URS submissions for the NOMs is underway. States will be submitting a second year of data (T2) in September 2009 and a draft report on the project will be completed by the end of 2009.
- 5. 2009 National Grantee Conference on the Mental Health Block Grant and Data:** The 2009 meeting will be held on June 17-19 at the Marriott Washington Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. Olinda Gonzalez reviewed the draft agenda topics and that the Northeast and Midwest Data User Groups will be meeting the afternoon of June 17<sup>th</sup>. A draft agenda will soon be posted at: [www.nationalgranteeconference.com](http://www.nationalgranteeconference.com)
- 6. URS Output Tables on the SAMHSA Website:** Ted Lutterman reported that the 2007 URS Output Tables are now available on the SAMHSA website at in both PDF and Excel format at: <http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/MentalHealthStatistics/URS2007.asp>. 2008 data are now all final and SDICC staff are preparing these tables for the SAMSHA website. It is anticipated the 2008 tables will be available on the SAMHSA website by July 2009.

- 7. State Budget Shortfalls and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) impact on SMHA Systems:** Ted Lutterman briefly reviewed the Health Information Technology aspects of the ARRA (HITECH) passed this spring. The ARRA will be passing \$2 billion in funds to state governments to work on the implementation of EHRs and the exchange of EHR data. (The SDICC will also e-mail to the DIG listserve a review prepared by the National Governor's Association of the HITECH portions of the ARRA relevant to state governments).

Each of the regions discussed adding a brief discussion of how SMHAs in their region are working within state government to make sure mental health issues are included in state planning for the implementation of EHRs and exchange of health data. Each region agreed to add this as a discussion topic for the next Regional Call. If your state is willing to be one of the discussants for this session (to spend maybe 5 minutes talking about where mental health is involved in your states' EHR and data exchange development).

Ted Lutterman also discussed a study that the NRI and NASMHPD e-mailed to the SMHA Commissioners on May 27, 2009 updating a study done in November 2008 on the impact of state budget shortfalls on mental health. This summer 2009 update on budget shortfalls is designed to reflect both the deteriorating general fund revenues of many states, as well as the impact of the new ARRA funding on the provision of mental health services. The results of this survey will be discussed at the National Grantees conference in June and at the Summer NASMHPD Commissioners' Meeting in July. States are encouraged to respond as quickly as possible to allow analysis prior to these upcoming meetings.

**8. Next Monthly Regional Calls:**

Due to the National Grantee Conference on the Mental Health Block Grant and Data during June, the next set of regional DIG calls will be held on July 9, 2009. Northeast will meet at 11:00 AM (EDT), the South/Midwest at 2:00 PM (EDT), and the West/Pacific Jurisdictions at 4:00 PM (EDT).