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April 23, 2004

TO: COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: UPDATE – LOCATION & TIMES FOR WORKSHOP ON PREVALENCE OF SERIOUS MENTAL DISORDERS AND DEMONSTRATION OF PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS

This is an update on the location and times for the demonstration of the new **Performance Outcomes Technology Options**, and the workshop on **Prevalence of Serious Mental Disorders**. Both are being presented by the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) in four regional locations. Both will be offered in the morning and then repeated in afternoon sessions. Space is limited and if you haven't yet reserved a space, you need to do this no later than April 29th, 2004.

<u>REGION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MEETING DAY CONTACT</u>
Northern California 9:30 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	May 3 (Monday) Prevalence of Serious Mental Disorders Workshop Chuck McGee	Sacramento Room 104 744 P street Sacramento (across 8th street from the Bateson Bldg) Sacramento	Brenda (916) 653-6257
9:30 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Performance Outcomes Technology Options Dr. Stephanie Oprendeck	Room 370 1600 9 th Street Sacramento (Bateson Bldg) Sacramento	Brenda (916) 653-6257

<u>REGION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MEETING DAY CONTACT</u>
Central Valley 9:30 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	May 4 (Tuesday) Prevalence of Serious Mental Disorders Workshop Chuck McGee	Fresno Managed Care Conference Room 2536 N. Grove Industrial Drive Fresno	Nancy (559) 488-3356
9:30 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Performance Outcomes Technology Options Dr. Stephanie Opredek	Managed Care Conference Room B 2536 N. Grove Industrial Drive Fresno	Nancy (559) 488-3356
Bay Area 9:30 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	May 5 (Wednesday) Prevalence of Serious Mental Disorders Workshop Chuck McGee	Oakland Training Room 15, second floor 1515 Clay Street Oakland	Chiconda (510) 622-5000
9:30 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Performance Outcomes Technology Options Dr. Stephanie Opredek	Pt. Reyes room, 17 th floor 1515 Clay Street Oakland	Chiconda (510) 622-5000
Southern California 9:30 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	May 6 (Thursday) Prevalence of Serious Mental Disorders Workshop Chuck McGee	Riverside DPSS Conf. Room 4060 County Circle Drive Riverside	Sylvia (909) 358-4501
9:30 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Performance Outcomes Technology Options Dr. Stephanie Opredek	Mental Health Conf. Room A/B 4095 County Circle Drive Riverside	Sylvia (909) 358-4501

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS:

The workshops on Prevalence of Serious Mental Disorders will be presented by Chuck McGee of the WICHE mental health program, along with Statistics and Data Analysis management staff from DMH. An overview of various estimation methodologies and an in-depth discussion of the rates for California will be presented. Prevalence rates have served as a proxy of "need" for services and can be used (1) as part of the equation in estimating unmet need, and (2) in penetration rates to indicate access to services and disparities. Estimates are available for each county by gender, age groups, race/ethnicity, and type of residence for youth and adults, and by marital status and education for adults. The prevalence rates will be presented for youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance, adults with Serious Mental Illness, and adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness. The model to predict prevalence was constructed based on epidemiological studies and applied to 2000 Census population data.

Dr. Stephanie Oprendeck, and Performance Outcomes and Quality Improvement staff from DMH, will demonstrate the new Performance Outcomes Technology Options that will be available to counties for the next round of consumer perception survey data collection in the Fall (2004): (1) *web-based, on-line direct data entry* (no cost technology option), and (2) *web-based scanning and verification system* (low cost-to-county technology option). DMH would like to offer counties the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the new technologies so that they can select and procure the necessary equipment in order to implement a technology configuration that is suitable for their needs. This demonstration is designed to provide technical information about the system configuration and what software and hardware counties will need to acquire in order to use the system. DMH is currently working with California Mental Health Directors Association in order to explore options for funding to help offset the initial hardware/software costs to counties for the web-based scanning and verification system. The demonstration is designed to present an overview of the technology options and is not a training on the use of the system. Comprehensive trainings for users will be scheduled once counties have set up their local systems.

Both the workshop and demonstration are designed for managers, planners, data analysts, and information technology staff who work with prevalence rates, and/or make decisions regarding methods of performance outcome data collection and reporting. Space is limited, so please RSVP by April 29, 2004, by emailing bscott@dmhhq.state.ca.us or calling (916) 653-6257, with the number of people who will be attending from your county. If possible, please specify whether staff will be attending the workshop, demonstration, or both, and the session(s) either mornings or afternoon, they would like to attend.

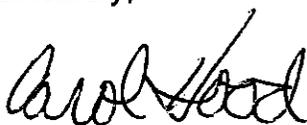
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Should you have technical questions related to the *Prevalence of Serious Mental Disorders* workshop, please contact Kathy Styc, Chief, Statistics and Data Analysis, at (916) 654-6947 or KStyc@dmhhq.state.ca.us. For technical questions related to the *Performance Outcomes Technology Options* demonstration please contact Stephanie Oprendeck, Ph.D., Chief, Performance Outcomes and Quality Improvement, at (916) 653-3517 or SOprende@dmhhq.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Hood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CAROL HOOD
Deputy Director
Systems of Care

cc: Members, California Mental Health Planning Council
Members, State Quality Improvement Council
California Mental Health Directors Association