

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
PROGRAM SUPPORT BUREAU - QUALITY IMPROVEMENT DIVISION**

QI WORK PLAN FOR 2013 - OUTCOME MEASURE DESCRIPTION

DOMAIN I: MONITORING SERVICE DELIVERY CAPACITY

GOAL 1: INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY OF SERVICES

Objective 1: Increase the number of Latino consumers served who are estimated with SED and SMI at or below the 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) from 42.5% in FY 11-12 to 43.5 in FY 12-13 for CDHCS and from 36.8% to 37.8% in FY 12-13 for CHIS.

Population: Latino Persons estimated with SED and SMI at or below 200% FPL

Indicator: Number of Latino persons receiving services

Measure: Unduplicated number of persons served by ethnicity at or below 200% FPL / By County population estimated with SED and SMI by ethnicity at or below 200% FPL

Source(s) of Information:

1. Prevalence: California Health Interview Survey (CHIS)
2. Consumers Served: LACDMH Integrated System (IS)
3. Population Estimates: American Community Survey (ACS), U.S. Census Bureau

Significance: Treated prevalence rates are called Penetration Rates. Penetration Rates indicate the ability to identify persons in need of mental health services and the responsiveness of the service delivery system to provide these services. Penetration Rates serve as a general measure of accessibility to needed services by persons who need them. Actual service utilization by identified target populations and the use of mental health epidemiology data is a national measure for monitoring accessibility. In addition to using this data to assist in identifying disparities, it can be useful in setting goals for improvement.

Prevalence Rate Estimated Statewide for Latino living at or below 200% FPL: 7.6% in 2009.

Penetration Rates in the County for Latinos living at or below 200% FPL by trend data: 41.4% in FY 08-09, 41.1% in FY 09-10, 38.2% in FY 10-11, and 40.3% in FY 11-12.

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Objective 2: Increase the number of Asian/Pacific Islander (API) consumers served who are estimated with SED and SMI at or below the 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) from 24.3% in FY 11-12 to 25.3% in FY 12-13 for CDHCS and from 21.1% to 22.1% in FY 12-13 for CHIS.

Population: API Persons estimated with SED and SMI at or below 200% FPL

Indicator: Number of API persons receiving services

Measure: Unduplicated number of persons served by ethnicity at or below 200% FPL / By County population estimated with SED and SMI by ethnicity at or below 200% FPL

Source(s) of Information:

1. Prevalence: California Health Interview Survey (CHIS)
2. Consumers Served: LACDMH Integrated System (IS)
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Prevalence Rate Estimated Statewide for API living at or below 200% FPL: 4.7% in 2009.

Penetration Rates in the County for API living at or below 200% FPL by trend data: 27.4% in FY 08-09, 26.2% in FY 09-10, 23.9% in FY 10-11, and 22.2% in FY 11-12.

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Objective 3: Increase the percent of Latino consumers retained for 5-15 services from 30.3% to 31.3% and for 16 or more services from 46.8% to 47.8%.

Population: Latino Consumers

Indicator: Number/Percent of Latino Consumers retained for 5-15 and 16 or more services.

Measure: Unduplicated number of consumers by ethnicity retained for 5-15 services and 16 or more / By the total number of consumers served by ethnicity.

Source(s) of Information: LACDMH Integrated System (IS)

Significance: Retention in treatment can indicate the ability of the service delivery system to engage and retain consumers toward the satisfactory completion of treatment. Retention or utilization rates reflect the responsiveness of the service delivery system in engaging consumers in their recovery and wellness. Retention of identified target populations and the use of mental health epidemiology data is a national measure for monitoring accessibility. In addition to using this data to assist in identifying disparities, it can be useful in setting goals for improvement.

Latino Retention Rates in the County: 27.6% for 5-15 services and 48.4% for 16 or more in FY 08-09; 28.7% for 5-15 services and 47.8% for 16 or more in FY 09-10; 32.0% for 5-15 services and 38.8% for 16 or more in FY 10-11; and 30.3% for 5-15 services and 46.8% for 16 or more services in FY 11-12.

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Objective 4: Increase the percent of Asian/Pacific Islander (API) consumers retained for 5-15 services from 32.5% to 33.5% and for 16 or more services from 48.5% to 49.5%.

Population: Asian/Pacific Islander (API) Consumers

Indicator: Number/Percent of Asian/Pacific Islander (API) Consumers retained for 5-15 and 16 or more services.

Measure: Unduplicated number of consumers by ethnicity retained for 5-15 services and 16 or more / By the total number of consumers served by ethnicity.

Source(s) of Information: LACDMH Integrated System (IS)

Significance: Retention in treatment can indicate the ability of the service delivery system to engage and retain consumers toward the satisfactory completion of treatment. Retention or utilization rates reflect the responsiveness of the service delivery system in engaging consumers in their recovery and wellness. Retention of identified target populations and the use of mental health epidemiology data is a national measure for monitoring accessibility. In addition to using this data to assist in identifying disparities, it can be useful in setting goals for improvement.

API Retention Rates in the County: 30.4% for 5-15 services and 50.6% for 16 or more in FY 08-09; 32.0% for 5-15 services and 50.3% for 16 or more in FY 09-10; 35.0% for 5-15 services and 41.3% for 16 or more in FY 10-11; and 32.5% for 5-15 services and 48.5% for 16 or more in FY 11-12.

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Objective 5: Continue to provide Service Area Trainings on evaluating data for Quality Improvement to consumers, family members, providers, and other stakeholders at least one time per year.

Population: Countywide consumers, family members, providers and stakeholders

Indicator: Service Area Training

Measure: Number of Service Area Trainings conducted during 2013.

Source(s) of Information: LACDMH Integrated System (IS)

Significance: We are committed to involving consumers, family members, and providers in the evaluation of data to identify barriers to improve clinical practice and the administration of the service delivery system. Trainings are provided at the Departmental Quality Improvement Council meetings as well as in Service Area Quality Improvement Committee meetings in order to support members in using data to assist in identifying disparities and in setting goals for improvement.

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DOMAIN II: MONITORING ACCESSIBILITY OF SERVICES

GOAL 1: ACCESS TO AFTER-HOURS CARE

Objective 1: Maintain access to after-hours care at 70% of Psychiatric Mobile Response Team (PMRT) response time of one hour or less between PMRT acknowledgement of receipt of the call to PMRT arrival on the scene and continue year to year trending of the data.

Population: Consumers of PMRT urgent after-hours care

Indicator: PMRT response time

Measure: The number of after-hour PMRT response times of one hour or less / By the total number of after-hour PMRT responses provided.

Source(s) of Information: LACDMH ACCESS Center

Significance: The ACCESS Center PMRT responsiveness is used as an indicator of timeliness of field visits requiring rapid intervention and assistance. The rationale for this indicator concerns providing alternatives to hospitalization and linkage with other appropriate lower levels of care such as Urgent Care Centers. The response time to urgent field visits is measured in four incremental response time categories, beginning with 45 minutes or less and ending with 91 minutes or more.

PMRT after-hour response rates of one hour or less in the County by annual trend data: 73% in 2008 (3,357 PMRT Responses Provided), 68% in 2009 (3,448 PMRT Responses Provided), 69% in 2010 (3,857 PMRT Responses Provided), 70% in 2011 (4,288 PMRT Responses Provided), and 67% in 2012.

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GOAL 2: RESPONSIVENESS OF THE 24-HOUR TOLL FREE NUMBER

Objective 1: Maintain the rate of abandoned calls (responsiveness of the 24-hour toll free number) at an overall annual rate of 16% or less.

Population: Consumers using the ACCESS 24/7 Toll Free number:
1-800-854-7771

Indicator: Abandoned Call Rate

Measure: Total number of calls in which caller hung up after 30 seconds / By the Total number of ACCESS Center calls.

Source(s) of Information: LACDMH ACCESS Center

Significance: The ACCESS Center Abandoned Call Rate is used as an indicator of response time to calls received by the 24/7 Toll-Free Telephone Line for mental health services and other referrals as appropriate, including the calls received in non-English languages. This national indicator is also monitored by the LACDMH annual Test-Calls Protocol. The rationale for this indicator concerns providing alternatives to hospitalization and linkage with other appropriate lower levels of care such as Urgent Care Centers. It is also a means of measuring linguistic and cultural accessibility to mental health services.

Abandoned Call Rates in the County by annual trend data: 13% in CY 2008 (275,051 Total Calls), 14% in CY 2009 (283,098 Total Calls), 15% in CY 2010 (295,016 Total Calls), 15% in CY 2011 (304,470 Total Calls), and 21.6% in CY 2012 (253,602 Total Calls).

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GOAL 3: CONVENIENT LOCATION OF SERVICES

Objective 1: Maintain percent at 87.1% in 2013 for consumers/families reporting that they are able to receive services at convenient locations and continue year to year trending of the data.

Population: Outpatient Clinic and Day Treatment Program consumers/families

Indicator: Consumers/family members reporting service locations are convenient

Measure: The number of consumers/family members that agree or strongly agree that they are able to receive services at convenient locations / By the total number of consumers/family members that completed the survey during the survey period.

Source(s) of Information:

1. Mental Health Statistics Improvement Program (MHSIP) Consumer Survey-State Performance Outcomes (2007, 2008, 2009 and 2012)
2. County Performance Outcomes Survey (2012)
3. MHSIP data collected from the counties at the State level (2010)

Significance: The consumers' perception of service accessibility indicates ease of access and barriers encountered from the consumer's perspective. The items comprising the Access domain of the MHSIP Consumer Survey are used to obtain a measure of the domain and are based on concerns identified by consumers. This is one item among others from within the Access domain that relates to location of service, frequency of contact, staff responsiveness and the availability of services.

Reported Location of Services was convenient in the County by trend data: 85.6% in FY 07-08, 86.4% in FY 08-09, 87.7% in FY 09-10, and 87.1% in FY 11-12.

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DOMAIN II: MONITORING ACCESSIBILITY OF SERVICES

GOAL 4: CONVENIENT TIMES FOR SERVICES

Objective 1: Maintain percent at 89.7% in 2013 for consumers/families reporting that they are able to receive services at convenient times and continue year to year trending of the data.

Population: Outpatient Clinic and Day Treatment Program consumers/families

Indicator: Consumers/family members reporting services are available at convenient times

Measure: The number of consumers/family members that agree or strongly agree that they are able to receive services at convenient times / By the total number of consumers/family members that completed the survey during the survey period.

Source(s) of Information:

1. Mental Health Statistics Improvement Program (MHSIP) Consumer Survey-State Performance Outcomes (2007, 2008, 2009 and 2012)
2. County Performance Outcomes Survey (2012)
3. MHSIP data collected from the counties at the State level (2010)

Significance: The consumers' perception of access indicates ease of access and barriers encountered from the consumer's perspective. The items comprising the Access domain of the MHSIP Consumer Survey are used to obtain a measure of the domain and are based on concerns identified by consumers. This is one item among others from within the perception of Access domain that relates to location and times of service, frequency of contact, staff responsiveness and the availability of services.

Services were available at times that were convenient in the County by trend data: 88.5% in FY 07-08, 88.5% in FY 08-09, 89.7% in FY 09-10, and 87.1% in FY 11-12.

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DOMAIN III: MONITORING BENEFICIARY SATISFACTION

GOAL 1: State Performance Outcomes Survey

Objective 1: Complete the State Performance Outcomes Survey Report for the August 2012 MHSIP Consumer Survey in collaboration with CDHCS and CiMH.

Population: Outpatient Clinic and Day Treatment Program consumers/families

Indicator: MHSIP Survey of consumers/families

Measure: Consumers/family members who agree or strongly agree with MHSIP Performance Outcome Domains/ Total number of consumers/family members who completed the domain questions.

Source(s) of Information: Mental Health Statistics Improvement Program (MHSIP) Consumer Survey

Significance: The consumers' perception of general satisfaction, access, quality and appropriateness, participation in treatment planning, perception of outcomes, perception of functioning and perception of social connectedness are a unique perspective of the consumer receiving services. The items comprising the domains of the MHSIP Consumer Survey are used to obtain a measure of each domain as well as overall general satisfaction and are based on concerns identified by consumers.

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DOMAIN III: MONITORING BENEFICIARY SATISFACTION

GOAL 2: SENSITIVITY TO CULTURAL/ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Objective 1: Maintain percent at 86.1% CY 2013 for consumers/families reporting that staff were sensitive to cultural/ethnic background and continue year to year trending of the data.

Population: Outpatient Clinic and Day Treatment Program consumers/families

Indicator: Consumers/families reporting sensitivity to cultural/ethnic background

Measure: The number of consumers/family members that agree or strongly agree that staff were sensitive to cultural/ethnic background / By the total number of consumers/family members that completed the survey during the survey period.

Source(s) of Information: 1. Mental Health Statistics Improvement Program (MHSIP) Consumer Survey (2007, 2008, 2009 and 2012)
2. County Performance Outcomes Survey (2012)

Significance: The consumers' perception of quality/appropriateness of services provides the unique perspective of the consumer receiving services. The items comprising the Quality/Appropriateness domain of the MHSIP Consumer Survey are used to obtain a measure of the domain and are based on concerns identified by consumers. This is one item among others from within the perception of Quality/Appropriateness domain that also includes staff belief in recovery, staff sensitivity and respect and information received.

Reported staff was sensitive to cultural/ethnic background in the County by trend data: 88.2% in FY 07-08, 88.6% in FY 08-09, 89.0% in FY 09-10, and 87.1% in FY 11-12.

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DOMAIN III: MONITORING BENEFICIARY SATISFACTION

GOAL 3: CONSUMER/FAMILY MEMBER OVERALL SATISFACTION

Objective 1: Maintain percent at 84.4% CY 2013 for consumers/families reporting overall satisfaction with services provided and continue year to year trending of the data.

Population: Outpatient Clinic and Day Treatment Program consumers/families

Indicator: Consumers/families reporting overall satisfaction with services provided

Measure: The number of consumers/family member that agree or strongly agree they are satisfied overall with the services they have received/ By the total number of consumers/family member that completed the survey during the survey period.

Source(s) of Information: Mental Health Statistics Improvement Program (MHSIP) Consumer Survey

Significance: The consumers' perception of quality/appropriateness of services provides the unique perspective of the consumer receiving services. The items comprising the Quality/Appropriateness domain of the MHSIP Consumer Survey are used to obtain a measure of the domain and are based on concerns identified by consumers. This is one item among others from within the perception of Quality/Appropriateness Domain that also includes staff belief in recovery, staff sensitivity and respect and information received.

Reported average satisfaction with services in the County by trend data: 81.7% in FY 07-08, 81.9% in FY 08-09, and 82% in FY 09-10.

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GOAL 4: Beneficiary Grievances, Appeals and State Fair Hearings

Objective 1: Continue to monitor beneficiary grievances, appeals and State Fair Hearings processes, including year to year trending of the data.

Population: Consumers/family members in the County of Los Angeles

Indicator: Number and type of beneficiary grievances, appeals and State Fair Hearings

Measure: Year to year trending of beneficiary grievances, appeals and State Fair Hearings

Source(s) of Information: Patients Rights Office (PRO) Reports

Significance: LACDMH Beneficiary Problem Resolution Process was established to ensure that a Medi-Cal beneficiary's grievance with the Department is addressed in a sensitive, timely, appropriate, and culturally competent manner. The Patient Rights Office is required to provide a report to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) summarizing system-wide grievances and appeals and expedited appeals by type, subject areas established by the Department, and disposition for the prior fiscal year. The Quality Improvement Division is responsible to conduct monitoring activities including but not limited to review of beneficiary grievances, appeals, and fair hearings.

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GOAL 5: Requests for Change of Provider

Objective 1: Continue to monitor Beneficiary Requests for Change of Provider including reasons given by consumers for their change of provider request and continue year to year trending of the data.

Population: Consumers/family members in the County of Los Angeles

Indicator: Number and type of Requests for Change of Provider

Measure: Year to year trending of Beneficiary Requests for Change of Provider

Source(s) of Information: Patients Rights Office (PRO) Reports

Significance: LACDMH Policy 200.02, Request for Change of Provider, provides a formal process for consumers to request a change in provider that specifies timeliness for providers to respond to the request, and procedures to follow when reporting such requests to the Patients' Rights Office (PRO). California Code of Regulations specify that, "Whenever feasible and at the request of the beneficiary, the MHP provides an opportunity to change persons providing the Specialty Mental Health Services, including the right to culture-specific providers." The Quality Improvement Division is responsible to conduct monitoring activities including but not limited to review of beneficiary grievances, appeals, and fair hearings.

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DOMAIN IV: MONITORING CLINICAL CARE

GOAL 1: Medication Practices

Objective 1: Continue to improve medication practices through systematic use of medication parameters, medication peer review, and trainings for the use of medication.

Population: Consumers prescribed identified medications

Indicator: Prescribing standards and parameters

Measure: Evaluate using standard and parameter medication practices

Source(s) of Information: Office of the Medical Director (OMD) Reports

Significance: LACDMH Policy 103.01, Standards for Prescribing and Furnishing of Psychoactive Medications, establishes standards for prescribing and furnishing psychoactive medications (hereafter referred to as "medications") in the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health and provides a foundation for quality management relating to the use of the major classes of psychoactive medications. The Quality Improvement Division conducts ongoing monitoring activities of relevant clinical issues, including the safety and effectiveness of medication practices and the interventions implemented when occurrences of potential poor care are identified.

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DOMAIN V: MONITORING THE CONTINUITY OF CARE

GOAL 1: Client Flow

Objective 1: Initiate a Quality Improvement Project in Service Area 4 for piloting a web based client flow e-tool.

Population: SA 4 consumers/family members

Indicator: Number of vacancies filled

Measure: Daily Reports that show number of available and filled slots in each provider location in SA 4.

Source(s) of Information: Service Area 4 Data Reports

Significance: The Service Area 4 administration has initiated a project on improving client flow and filling slots for mental health services among providers serving consumers in the Service Area. A website has been developed that allows providers to enter the number of available slots for services at their agency. Other providers are able to view this information and refer consumers to appropriate services based on their availability. The availability of information includes language capacity at each provider location. This is expected to improve culturally competent services while appropriately utilizing available resources. This information will be refreshed in real-time and providers will have the most updated information for referring clients. A reporting system has been developed that will allow administrators to track daily reports on the availability and filling of available services in the Service Area. A mapping service and a link to public transportation has been added to the website that will allow providers to assess the geographic feasibility of referring clients to a provider location that is most convenient for them based on the location's accessibility via public transportation.

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DOMAIN VI: MONITORING PROVIDER APPEALS

GOAL 1: Provider Appeals

Objective 1: Continue monitoring the rate of zero appeals through CY 2013.

Population: Contracted Providers

Indicator: Provider Appeals

Measure: Provider Appeals by program and type of service.

Source(s) of
Information: LACDMH Managed Care Division

Significance: LACDMH monitors the effectiveness of the service approval and non-approval processes for contracted providers for selected services.