



# Numbered Advisory Memorandum

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**Title:** **New Admission and Outcomes System**

The Department of Mental Health is pleased to announce development of a treatment episode outcomes system that will collect four client-level National Outcome Measures (NOMs) on consumers with serious mental illnesses (SMD) and serious emotional disturbances (SED). The Department's collection of client-level NOMs for employment status and school suspensions, living situation, and criminal justice involvement will take place in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) through creation of a mental health option in the existing Ohio Behavioral Health System (OH-BH).

The new outcomes system also will use a random, statewide sample of 4,000 consumers to collect information on three additional NOMs required by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA). ODMH staff in the Office of Research and Evaluation (ORE) will sample consumers on perception of care, social functioning, and social connectedness using the Mental Health Statistics Improvement Program (MHSIP) and the Youth Services Survey for Families (YSS-F). Randomized sampling of consumers with SMD and parents of consumers with SED is scheduled to begin in January of 2011.

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The new information system is designed to collect outcomes solely on the priority population of consumers with SMD and SED. Data entered into the admissions record will allow providers to document a client's SMD or SED status with indicators that correspond to the Department's new definitions. The system's admissions record will be used gather basic socio-medical information about the priority population receiving publically-funded services. Information about our priority population will be used in grant applications and in advocacy with the legislature.

Piloting of the new information and outcomes system is scheduled to begin in February 2011, with statewide implementation slated for September 2011. Boards will be invited to participate in the piloting of the new system, which allows some flexibility in the measures collected and reported. Although the Department has determined the minimum data set necessary for the federal Block Grant report and state oversight purposes, Boards may choose to include measures viewed as optional to the Department.

If you have questions, comments, or wish to participate in the pilot, please contact ORE Chief, Kraig Knudsen, PhD, or the manager for Treatment Episode Outcomes (TEO), Carol Carstens, PhD. More detailed information about the TEO system is located on the Department's website at: <http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/what-we-do/protect-and-monitor/treatment-episode-outcomes/index.shtml>.

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