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Summary of States' Research/Evaluation Priorities

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Throughout May 2006, NRI staff conducted phone interviews with state research directors to solicit their ideas and input for research/evaluation priorities. In addition, E-mails were sent to all members of NASMHPD's Divisions including: Adult; Children, Youth & Families; Forensic; Older Persons; Legal; Medical Directors; and the National Association of Consumer/Survivor Mental Health Administrators (NAC/SMHA).

Responses were received from 34 States, a total of 47 responses.

Below is a summary of state mental health agency research and/or evaluation priorities. It was stressed that States are interested in the findings of *applied* research.

- I. Evidence-based practices (in general: 8)
 - A. Process measures versus outcome measures (8)
 - B. Fidelity scales (6)
 - C. Cost/benefit analysis (2)
 - D. In rural settings (2)
 - E. Cultural sensitivity (2)
 - F. Benchmarks (2)
 - G. Policy incentives versus mandates
 - H. Validity of using the toolkits with minority populations
 - I. Implementation
 - J. Dissemination

- II. Consumer Outcomes (7)
 - A. Functionality
 - B. Social Connectedness

- III. Training
 - A. Staff trainings (4)
 - B. Family education
 - C. Consumer education

- IV. Low dose First generation antipsychotics versus atypicals (3)
 - A. Cost effectiveness

- V. Financing Structures (3)
 - A. The impact of financing structures (e.g., units of service billing) on quality improvement activities
 - B. Successful financing strategies that support transformation (e.g., NM)

- VI. Mental Health Services for Older Persons (3)
- VII. Recovery models of care (3)
- VIII. Interagency collaboration (4)
- IX. Links between mental health and health care (3)
 - A. Interagency collaboration between primary healthcare and mental health
 - B. Reduced health status of persons living with mental illnesses
- X. Electronic Health Records (2)
- XI. Clients with a History of Trauma (3)
 - A. Evaluating trauma-informed services
 - B. Special population research
- XII. Special issues for transitional aged youth (2)
 - A. Outcome measures for dually diagnosed youth (MI/SA)
 - B. Long term impacts of psychotropic medications
- XIII. Peer Specialists (2)
 - A. Training
 - B. Client outcomes when working with a peer specialist
- XIV. Medicare Part D (2)
 - A. Present and future impact analysis
- XV. Standard definitions for the NOMS (2)
- XVI. Housing (2)
- XVII. Forensic patients (3)
 - A. After they have served their sentence
 - B. Division programs
- XVIII. Effectiveness of anti-stigma campaigns (2)

States are also interested in:

- Updates on the regional NIMH/SAMHSA science-to-service meetings
- Updates on progress of states' receiving T-Sig grants