



## Integrated System News Bulletin

### EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE AND SERVICE STRATEGIES AND OTHER STATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Attention: **DMH Directly-Operated and  
Contract Providers**

#### STOP – Impact on You

LACDMH has received and continues to receive numerous questions about Evidence Based Practice and Service Strategies, i.e., determining if a service meets a specific EBP, who will receive training and when training will be provided.

#### CAUTION – What You Need to Know

Reporting changes to Place of Service, Special Population and Trauma data fields originate from the Mental Health Services Act. The remaining changes, including ethnicity and race, diagnosis, preferred language, the Medi-Cal CIN and evidence-based practice, originate in federal law (i.e., Sections 1971 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.300y) and 520A of the Public Health Service Act, as amended). The purpose of the federal mandates is to create a national data infrastructure and uniform reporting system for mental health services. The new CSI system, as implemented by SDMH and IS 2.0, complies with the federal mandates for uniform reporting. Diagnosis, preferred language and the Medi-Cal CIN reporting changes do not change the way LACDMH is collecting this information from its providers. LACDMH is currently reporting this information in the manner in which the State is expecting to receive it via CSI.



The IS 2.0 screens were modified to collect recent changes to State requirements for ethnicity and race, and EBP and service strategies. When IS 2.0 is implemented, providers can select from the new menu that includes the ethnicity and race changes in the Client Menu. Evidence Based Practice and Service Strategies will be a required field on the service screen (both outpatient and twenty-four services). Trauma will be added to the service screen in the IS later.

#### GO – What You Need to Do

A letter from Marvin Southard, Director of DMH addressing EBP and Service Strategies will be mailed to Legal Entity Executive Directors and DMH Program Managers. Included with the letter will be the State DMH Information Notice 06-02, and other information about EBP and Service Strategies. This package of information will go out in the mail this week. Additional information will be disseminated through Quality Improvement Committee meetings and Code Liaison meetings. Questions regarding EBP and Service Strategies should be directed to your QIC representative and/or your Service Area Code Liaisons.

Please review IS News Bulletin #33 for questions and information about the new IS Forms.