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TO: Executive Directors, Mental Health Contract Providers,
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FROM: Dennis Murata, M.S.W. *DM*
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SUBJECT: **UPDATES TO THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS**

Attached you will find several documents about the State Department of Mental Health's (SDMH) mandated collection of Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) and Service Strategies (SS) data. This memorandum will update you on a few decisions that were made since Dr. Southard's October 23, 2006 letter and not addressed in the attached documents.

For now, the LAC-DMH Integrated System (IS) will allow providers to select only from the following three Evidence-Based Practices:

- 01 = Assertive Community Treatment (ACT);
- 10 = Multisystemic Therapy (MST) and
- 11 = Functional Family Therapy (FFT).

Only programs that have been either certified or approved by LAC-DMH staff for a specific EBP should select one of the three EBPs listed above. You should contact the following staff if you have any questions regarding usage of these EBPs:

ACT: Dr. Maria Funk at (213) 251-6582 or MFunk@lacdmh.org
MST and FFT: Dr. Gregory Lecklitner at (213) 351-7734 or GLEcklitner@lacdmh.org.

The other EBPs discussed in the attached documents will not be listed in the drop down menu on the IS or available for selection. Please contact Ms. Norma Fritsche at (213) 738-2289 or NFritsche@lacdmh.org if you believe you have a program that qualifies as an EBP other than the three currently available for selection.

You will also be able to select **00** for No Evidence-Based Practice/Service Strategy or **99** for Unknown Evidence-Based Practice/Service Strategy as well as any of the Service Strategies. You should select **00** = No Evidence-Based Practice/Service Strategy only when the service is neither an EBP nor a Service Strategy. For example, you should not use **00** when you select one or more EBPs and no Service Strategy or when you select one or more Service Strategies but no EBP.

Additional information and further updates will be provided to your Service Area Codes Liaison for discussion at your Service Area Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) meetings. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Attachments

U:BSPC:S&QA:EBP:11-1--06 DM Update Memo

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