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PURPOSE

To notify counties that as of July 1, 2006, there will be significant changes to the types of prevention data collected and the means of submitting the data to the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP).

DISCUSSION

In a move towards more outcomes-based information for both treatment and prevention, and to meet new federal reporting requirements, ADP has been focusing on a new data collection system called the California Outcomes Measurement System (CalOMS). Unlike Treatment CalOMS, which is being designed as a new in-house system and will require counties to develop their own system to report data, Prevention CalOMS will be contracting with a third-party Application Service Provider to collect and report data. The data collection service (Service) will be a web-based application – no special software or custom programs will be required – and will be accessible by all counties and prevention providers.

ADP has completed the bidding process for the Application Service Provider. KIT Solutions, Inc. of Pennsylvania will be the contractor providing the Service. KIT Solutions currently provides a similar service for nine other states, with one more starting up this year in addition to California.

Counties and providers will begin collecting the new prevention data as of July 1, 2006. The last data entry using the Prevention Activity Data System (PADS) will be due to ADP no later than July 31, 2006, for the April – June 2006 quarter. The new Service will allow real-time data entry; providers and counties will not have to wait until the end of each quarter to enter their data.

ADP staff are available to provide presentations to counties and providers regarding the Service, its' benefits, and the projected timeline for implementation. Counties interested in arranging a presentation can contact the ADP staff member listed under Questions/Maintenance on Page 4 of this Bulletin.

Data Entry

Counties will need to inform their prevention service providers that, as of July 2006, each provider will be entering their data into the Service via an internet connection. Once the providers have entered their data, it will be reviewed and approved at the county level, then at the ADP level. After review and approval by ADP, the data will be included in any reports generated by the Service.

Counties and providers must have a personal computer and internet access, either through a dial-up modem, DSL or broadband connection. For providers who do not have the capability to enter their own data, paper forms will be available that can be submitted to their respective county for data entry. The decision to allow provider data to be entered by a county, rather than a provider, will rest with each county.

Readiness Survey

Sometime in late 2005, a survey will be mailed out to ascertain county/provider readiness and acquire user contact information. The survey will be asking for information about:

- authorized provider information;
- whether or not each county/provider has a computer;
- type of internet connection;
- user profiles (name, address, telephone, e-mail address, position, work experience, computer skill level, and level of access); and
- any computer/internet security considerations.

Pilot Testing

Also in late 2005, ADP and the KIT Solutions will work with the County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association of California (CADPAAC) to identify four to five counties and eight to ten providers to participate in a pilot test of the Service. Selection of the test sites will be based on varying county size, users' computer skill levels and type of internet connection. Test sites will be required to:

1. participate in instructor-led, hands-on training;
2. conduct system testing using hypothetical data;
3. participate in focus group discussions; and
4. complete an on-line evaluation questionnaire.

Training

An initial training will be held for the counties and providers selected to participate in the pilot test. Instructor-led, hands-on training sessions for all other users will be conducted at approximately 12 locations throughout the state beginning in March 2006. There may also be an opportunity for users to participate in a web-based training via Microsoft LiveMeeting. LiveMeeting enables users to participate in training sessions via their own personal computer. Each of these trainings can accommodate up to ten users. In addition, on-line multi-media courses will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week via the internet. A Technical Support website will provide a downloadable user manual and training materials, a "What's New" section with a description of the updates, Frequently Asked Questions, and on-line assistance with step-by-step instructions.

Once the Service is implemented, ADP staff will provide telephone assistance to counties and providers. Also available by request will be on-site workshops, similar to the PADS workshops currently offered by ADP.

Timeline

The tentative timeline for start-up of the Service is:

Service vendor contract start date	7/1/05
Training – pilot counties and providers	3/13/06 – 4/7/06
Training – non-pilot counties and providers	4/10/06 – 7/11/06
Pilot testing	4/10/06 – 6/30/06
Implementation	7/5/06
Last PADS submission (April 1 – June 30 data)	7/1/06 – 7/31/06
First Service submission (July 1 – September 30 data)	7/1/06 – 10/31/06

REFERENCES

None.

BACKGROUND

In Federal Register, Vol. 67, No. 247, dated Tuesday, December 24, 2002, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), announced its proposal to develop a plan to change the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. It will change

from an emphasis on process requirements, financial earmarks and accountability based on compliance and expenditure reports, to a performance partnership that **offers states more flexibility in their expenditure of funds**. Accountability will be based on performance, developed in partnership between the federal and state governments providing substance abuse prevention and treatment services.

The measurements and outcomes developed by SAMHSA are referred to as the National Outcome Measures for Substance Abuse Prevention (NOMs). October, 2006 is the target date for all states to submit the required performance data.

In partnership with CADPAAC, ADP began a process to address these new performance measures through a project named the California Outcomes Monitoring Program (CalOMP). **CalOMP** encompasses all facets of prevention and treatment: planning, outcomes measurement, data collection and reporting, analysis, utilization, and evaluation of the data. By contrast, **CalOMS** is merely the means for collecting and transmitting the data, or the “pipeline”.

ADP established the CalOMP Implementation Workgroup (IWG) to address prevention and treatment issues that surface during implementation of the project. This workgroup is made up of ADP staff, county administrators or their designees, technical assistance contractors, and researchers from both Treatment and Prevention.

Under the auspices of the IWG, the Prevention Sub-Workgroup is comprised of representatives from the following counties: Kern, Los Angeles, Napa, San Diego, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara and Tehama. Based upon input provided by key stakeholders, the Prevention IWG Sub-Workgroup has accomplished the following:

- Developed the Prevention outcomes measurement vision.
- Defined the six key goals for the next three to five years.
- Identified the key objectives for each of the goals.
- Identified the list of questions/data elements to be collected for each of the outcome measures and identified the corresponding list of “allowable responses” for each question/data element.
- Identified how the data will be analyzed and used for prevention planning.

By working together, ADP, counties, prevention providers and Technical Assistance resources have a significant opportunity. Together we can develop the capacity to more effectively use available, multi-sourced information for planning, resource allocation, program implementation and ongoing continuous quality improvement.

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact: Laura Colson, Prevention Services, Program Services Division, (916) 323-8336, lcolson@adp.state.ca.us. An additional copy of this document may be requested through ADP's Resource Center at (800) 879-2772. This bulletin is also available on ADP's web page at www.adp.ca.gov.

EXHIBITS

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