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Stephen T. Baron, Director
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Re: Evidence of Compliance with Exit Criterion No. 2 – Methods of Measuring Consumer Functioning

Dear Mr. Baron:

I have reviewed your letter of June 9, 2011 that documents the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) performance on Exit Criterion No. 2 – Methods of Measuring Consumer Functioning – and requests that this measure move to inactive monitoring status.

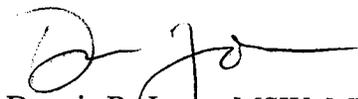
In review of the June 9, 2011 letter and supporting exhibits, I reach the following conclusions:

1. DMH adopted the Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS) for adults and the child and adolescent Level of Care Utilization System (CALOCUS) for children and adolescents as the method for evaluating consumer functioning. DMH made this determination via policy in April, 2005 and has had the LOCUS/CALOCUS in place since that time, with amendments to the DMH policy occurring in September, 2010 and April, 2011.
2. The Court Monitor explicitly approved this method of measuring consumer functioning in the July, 2006 Report to the Court.

3. DMH has undertaken several actions in the past two (2) years to demonstrate the use of consumer functioning data as an integral part of the DMH quality improvement system. First, DMH has developed an automated report to show provider compliance with the web-based requirement for completing the LOCUS/CALOCUS ; these compliance scores have been steadily improving and providers are held accountable for performance. DMH has undertaken the use of LOCUS/CALOCUS at a systems level to measure and monitor the appropriate utilization of several “high-end” programs including ACT, CBI, and CRF’s. At the agency-specific level, DMH has implemented an ongoing strategy to encourage local providers to utilize LOCUS/CALOCUS data in their own internal Quality Improvement Program. DMH has provided technical assistance to fourteen (14) CSA’s since December, 2010 and has worked intensively with several CSA’s e.g., Anchor Mental Health and First Home, to understand and improve the internal utilization of LOCUS/CALOCUS scores.

Based upon the in-depth review of these findings, the Court Monitor concludes that DMH has met the requirements of Exist Criterion No. 2 and should move to inactive monitoring status.

Sincerely,



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