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To: Executive Directors and Behavioral Health Directors,
Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA),
ValueOptions and North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA)

From: Trina Ita, MA, LPC Director 
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division, Program Services Section

Re: Home and Community Based Services-Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH) Provider
Recruitment Activities and Roles of the LMHA

Overview:

HCBS-AMH is designed to provide home and community-based services to adults with extended tenure in state mental health facilities who no longer require an inpatient level of care. HCBS-AMH provides an array of specialized supports and services, appropriate to each individual's needs, to enable individuals to live and experience successful tenure in their community. For more information on the program, please visit our webpage at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/hcbs-amh/>.

HCBS-AMH is actively recruiting provider agencies and recovery management entities, which are critical to enrollment of individuals in the program. Therefore, success of the program is dependent upon contracted HCBS-AMH Provider Agencies and Recovery Management Entities.

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will be conducting a series of presentations for Home and Community Based Services-Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH). LMHAs in attendance will receive an overview of the program, program updates and a detailed training on the referral and enrollment process.

LMHA Roles and Responsibilities

LMHAs are responsible to refer individuals to the HCBS-AMH program who are currently in the community. Individuals who meet initial criteria (admission in a psychiatric hospital 3 of the 5 five years prior to enrollment) are identified and listed on the Initial Criteria Report (ICR)—soon accessible by LMHA via MBOW. LMHAs coordinate with DSHS and HCBS-AMH Recovery Managers throughout the enrollment process of individuals and as indicated.

Provider Forum and Enrollment Process Discussion Details:

- January 28, 2015 (Coppell, TX)
1:30-3 pm – Value Options Public Sector Division
- January 29, 2015 (Rusk, TX)
1-2:30 pm – Rusk State Hospital

- February 5, 2015 (Austin, TX)
2-3:30 pm – Austin State Hospital
- February 10, 2015 (Kerrville, TX)
9:30-11 am – Kerrville State Hospital
- February 27, 2015 (Houston, TX)
1-2:30 pm – MHMR Harris County
- March 4, 2015 (Wichita Falls)
9:30-11 am – North Texas State Hospital

Interested providers should contact the HCBS-AMH provider outreach coordinator, Amy Pedersen, at amy.pedersen@dshs.state.tx.us to RSVP and get instructions on location details.

For general program questions, please contact the HCBS-AMH team at HCBS-AMH@dshs.state.tx.us. Thank you and we look forward to working with you.