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TO: Executive Director, Texas Council of Community MHMR Centers
Executive Directors, Local Mental Health Authorities
Chief Executive Officer, ValueOptions of Texas, Inc.
Chief Executive Officer, North Texas Behavioral Health Authority

FROM: Trina Ita, MA, LPC, Director of Program Services Section II 
Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Adult Mental Health Services Unit

Subject: Electronic Reporting of Outpatient Non-Criminal Court-Ordered Mental Health Treatment: Senate Bill (SB) 646, Amendment to Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), Chapter 574, Concerning Court-Ordered Mental Health Services

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Mental Health and Substance Abuse Section amended Section I. A. of the Fiscal Year 2014 Performance Contract to reflect the identification and documentation of clients who have been court-ordered to receive outpatient mental health treatment pursuant to SB 646 and THSC Chapter 574. The following data is to be tracked locally:

1. Client CARE ID
2. The date the court order was signed for outpatient mental health treatment
3. The date the individual began outpatient mental health treatment under the court order
4. Commitment type for outpatient mental health treatment (i.e. temporary or extended)
5. The date the court order was signed to terminate outpatient mental health treatment
6. Total number of persons on a temporary court-order for mental health treatment
7. Total number of persons on an extended court-order for mental health treatment
8. Total number of persons transitioned from a temporary to an extended court-order for outpatient treatment

Contractors were to begin tracking this data as of September 1, 2013, to include identification of a point of contact that is responsible for the identification of clients and data collection. DSHS is in the process of establishing an electronic method for reporting client information utilizing the Clinical Management for Behavioral Health Services. DSHS is seeking contractor input regarding their preferred method for reporting information to include:

- batching;
- online data entry; or
- batching and online data entry.

Client Confidentiality

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Please provide input via completion of the attached form entitled "Senate Bill 646: Electronic Data Reporting Methods", and submit to Dr. Courtney Heard no later than Close of Business 12-31-2014. The collection of this data is designed to assist DSHS in selecting the optimal alternative for contractor reporting of the above data.

For questions, please contact Dr. Courtney Heard by email at courtney.heard@dshs.state.tx.us, or, by phone at 512-206-5081.