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To: Executive Directors, Behavioral Health Directors, and Utilization Managers  
Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs)  
North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) and Value Options

From: Ross Robinson, Section Director  
Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division, Program Services

Re: Assertive Community Treatment Team Technical Assistance Calls

In September 2013, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will initiate technical assistance calls to provide Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs) with the latest information and support pertaining to Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team evidence-based practices.

## Background

In an effort to support evidence-based practices, DSHS offered two live trainings on the ACT Team Model during fiscal year (FY) 2013. Training in this model was required in the FY 2013 contract. The DSHS sponsored training met this requirement, but was not the only source of acceptable training. DSHS offered these trainings in response to LMHA requests for training and guidance in the ACT Team model as well as ongoing efforts by DSHS to promote and support evidence-based practices.

## Next Steps

As centers work to implement what they learned at the ACT Team trainings, DSHS will support these efforts with monthly technical assistance calls.

## Potential Dates for Support Call

Please choose from the possible dates and times:

- Monthly – Every fourth Wednesday of the Month from 2-3 pm (central time)
- Monthly – Every Third Wednesday of the Month from 2-3 pm (central time)
- Monthly – Every Second Friday of the Month from 2-3 pm (central time)

DSHS looks forward to offering support and guidance as we begin these Technical assistance calls. Please respond with your input regarding the dates and times listed above along with any general questions to [Robert.Dole@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:Robert.Dole@dshs.state.tx.us) or 512-206-5016 by September 16, 2013.