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To: Executive Directors,
Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs)

From: Roderick Swan, Manager,
Mental Health Contracts Management Unit

Re: Contract Accountability

Pursuant to Section 19.01 of the FY12-13 Performance Contract General Provisions, DSHS will monitor programmatic and financial compliance with the contract and may impose sanctions and remedies for any breach of the contract. DSHS has received numerous inquiries from LMHAs regarding the potential enforcement of various contractual requirements. Please be advised that all contract service targets, measures, outcomes, and requirements are subject to sanctions and remedies.

Current contractual requirements are considered important to the successful delivery of mental health services statewide and need to be monitored for compliance. Contract managers will not be sending formal warnings prior to the imposition of a sanction or remedy. This does not mean that DSHS will impose sanctions or remedies for every instance of non-compliance with the contract. LMHAs are encouraged to inform their assigned contract managers of unique local circumstances that present barriers to contract compliance. Collectively, LMHAs are encouraged to work collaboratively with DSHS through various groups and consortia to identify contractual needs that support successful service delivery, reduce barriers to implementation of services, and promote accountability.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued efforts to serve the citizens of Texas.