April 28, 2017

Dear Facility Director:

I am writing to request your participation in the 2017 National Mental Health Services Survey (N-MHSS). This annual survey, sponsored by the Federal government’s Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and conducted by Mathematica Policy Research, collects data from all known specialty mental health treatment facilities in the United States and its jurisdictions.

Important information about the 2017 N-MHSS:

- No questions about client counts
- Many questions prefilled if you completed the 2016 N-MHSS
- Your facility can choose to be listed, at no cost, in the online locator (https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov)
- Preview the questionnaire at https://info.nmhss.org or log onto the survey and choose the preview option

We need your participation in the N-MHSS. The information you provide will assist SAMHSA, State and local governments, and the public in assessing and analyzing the nature and extent of services provided in mental health treatment facilities and in planning for treatment demands, as well as in finding treatment.

Why should I do this survey today?

- You will be done for the year and won’t be contacted again about N-MHSS until next year’s survey
- Secure login information is readily accessible on the green flyer

The survey should be completed by you or another person knowledgeable about this facility’s daily operations. If you have any questions about the survey, please feel free to call the helpline at 1-866-778-9752 or send an e-mail to nmhss@mathematica-mpr.com.

We look forward to your participation in the 2017 N-MHSS!

Sincerely,

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NOTE: The N-MHSS questionnaire is designed to collect information about a single facility at a single location, that is, the facility whose name and address is printed on the enclosed green flyer. Even if your organization offers treatment services at more than one location, please complete this online questionnaire for this location only.