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Dear Facility Director:

I am writing to request your participation in the 2018 **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 2018 N-MHSS:

- **Many** questions are prefilled if you completed the 2017 N-MHSS
- More ways to complete the web survey: **computer, tablet, smartphone**
- Your facility can choose to be listed, at no cost, in the online treatment locator (<https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>)
- Standard client count information will be collected
- 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 general public in assessing and analyzing the nature and extent of services provided in mental health treatment facilities and in planning for treatment demands. Your participation will also assist those in need, as well as members of their families, in finding treatment.

Why should I do the N-MHSS today?

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

Even if your facility no longer provides mental health treatment services we still need to hear from you! Please go to the online survey and answer a few quick questions or call the helpline at 1-866-778-9752 to let us know.

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 our N-MHSS helpline at **1-866-778-9752** or send an e-mail to **nmhss@mathematica-mpr.com**.

We look forward to your participation in the 2018 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.***