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OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2014
TO: CPRP Providers
FROM: Mark Stringer, Director
RE: CPS Status Report

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Stringer', written over the 'FROM:' line of the memorandum.

A portion of the budget that funds the mental health services provided by your agencies comes from the federal Mental Health Block Grant. The block grant requires the submission of specific data. These data elements are included on the CPS Status Report. With your input, the status report was redesigned in April 2012 to ensure that only the data elements not already collected in CIMOR are included on the report. The reporting of this client level data parallels the TEDS data reporting for the SAPT Block Grant for substance abuse (SA) treatment services.

It is troubling that we see a wide variance in the reporting rates of providers. While a 100% reporting rate on qualifying admissions would be ideal, it seems reasonable that we would expect an 80% reporting rate. We truly appreciate the efforts of providers that have achieved or are close to achieving this benchmark, while rates significantly below this mark are simply unacceptable.

Unlike SA programs, there are no business rules in CIMOR requiring the submission of this data. If the minimum reporting rate cannot be achieved voluntarily, we will need to create business rules that enforce this federal requirement. Without compliance, we risk substantial federal funding.

Please carefully review your processes for the submission of this data and implement strategies to improve your reporting rates. If you have any questions about the CPS Status Report, contact Clive Woodward at clive.woodward@dmh.mo.gov.