MO Behavioral Health Epidemiology Workgroup (MO-BHEW)

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This document has been developed following guidelines from the U.S. Department of Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) and in consultation with the Missouri Department of Mental Health and the combined Missouri Behavioral Epidemiology Workgroup (MO-BHEW).

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Mission/Purpose
This charter establishes the Missouri State Epidemiology Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) as a collaborative body of representatives of state agencies, statewide non-profits, and universities, hereafter known as the Missouri Behavioral Health Epidemiology Workgroup (MO-BHEW) effective as of October, 2010. The MO-BHEW is housed within the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. The mission of MO-BHEW is as follows:

- To create and implement a systematic process for gathering, reviewing, analyzing, integrating, and monitoring data that will delineate a comprehensive and accurate picture of behavioral health issues in the State and its communities;
- To inform and guide behavioral health prevention policy, program development and evaluation in the State; and
- To disseminate information to State and community agencies, to targeted decision-makers, and to the public.

Principles (from the SEOW RFP)
The operating principles of the MO-BHEW include:

- Establishing and documenting a clear purpose and set of goals and objectives through a formal charter;
- Establishing and keeping regular working meetings and work plans;
- Identifying specific workgroup products, schedules, and milestones;
- Establishing and maintaining regular contacts with appropriate State advisory groups and key State decision-makers; and
- Ensuring an ongoing and meaningful exchange of data and information between the MO-BHEW, State leaders and staff, and CSAP.
Goals

The goals and objectives of MO-BHEW are to:

- Use population-based behavioral health data to guide and improve policymaking, program development, and outcomes monitoring.
  - Inventory and assess data needs and data gaps.
  - Enhance capacity to use behavioral health data.
  - Promote data driven decision-making at the state and local level.
  - Provide advocacy tools for community coalitions.
  - Improve access and user interface with data and data products.
  - Increase dissemination of data and analyses, in particular, to those stakeholders critical to the shaping of Missouri’s prevention infrastructure.
- Facilitate interagency and community collaboration for the collection, analysis, interpretation, and utilization of mental health and substance abuse related data.
  - Ensure that the response of the MO-BHEW is culturally competent.
  - Ensure that the MO-BHEW perspective is inclusive of all aspects of the causes and consequences of mental illness and substance abuse.
  - Promote common standards.
  - Reduce duplicative data collection efforts among state agencies and partners to the degree possible.
  - Promote data sharing.
  - Provide outreach to other organizations with an interest in behavioral health data.

Support

Federal funding to support an SEOW epidemiologist position and data infrastructure and analytics will be available from November 1, 2010 through September, 2012. This funding is made available by CSAP and administered by Synetics for Management Decisions, Inc.
**Meetings**

Beginning in Year 2 of the grant, meetings of the MO BHEW will be quarterly unless Synetics and / or the SEOW management team and / or the MO BHEW deem it necessary to meet more frequently.

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**Membership / Organization**

Membership in MO-BHEW includes representation of agencies that supply or use data regarding substance abuse and mental health issues. MO-BHEW membership at present includes all the individuals and organizations on the attached membership list. These organizations or individuals have agreed to be an ongoing part of the MO-BHEW project in Missouri. These agencies and individuals are the present signatories to the Charter. Individual representatives may change over time, and new signatory organizations will be added as decided by identified needs and group interests.

**Chairperson/main point of contact for MO-BHEW: Susan Depue**

The MO-BHEW will be chaired by the SEOW epidemiologist, Susan Depue (contact information in roster). Ms. Depue holds the position of Research Assistant Professor at the Missouri Institute for Mental Health – University of Missouri, St. Louis. She will serve as a .75 FTE on the SEOW project. The chair will serve from October 31\textsuperscript{st}, 2011 through September 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2012 and may be renewed. Missouri’s SEOW project will also be supported by the SEOW Project Director, Angie Stuckenschneider (0.10 FTE); the SEOW Data Manager, Christie Lundy (0.10 FTE); a data analyst/GIS programmer, Randy Smith (0.10 FTE); and administrative support (0.10 FTE), to be determined. Ms. Stuckenschneider is the Prevention Director at the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ADA). Ms. Lundy is Research Coordinator at ADA.
Activities
Specific activities that will be undertaken by the MO-BHEW include the following:

- Assessment of the prevalence of substance abuse and mental health related problems within specific populations and across the life span;
- Determination of the nature, magnitude, and problems associated with substance abuse and mental illness;
- Establishment and management of relevant data systems to assimilate, store, process, and monitor behavioral health data;
- Development of State and county profiles – patterns of consumption for substance abuse and consequence of substance abuse and mental illness and promotion of positive mental health;
- Employment of systematic, analytical techniques to better understand the causes and consequences of the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, as well as mental illness;
- Coordination with appropriate decision-making entities within the State to provide data in formats that will be useful in guiding effective and efficient use of prevention resources;
- Promotion of ongoing, in-depth exchange of data and learning among MO-BHEW and leaders at the state and local levels.

Sources and Forms of Data Used by MO-BHEW
The MO-BHEW will use prevalence data, substance abuse and mental health indicators, treatment admissions data, and outcomes data. Prevalence data is derived from several national and state surveys including: the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), the Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS), the Missouri Student Survey (MSS), and the Missouri College Health Behavior Survey (MCHBS). Indicator data includes, but are not limited to, traffic crashes, fatalities, injuries, and DUI arrests; HIV/AIDS cases; hospital and emergency room admissions; impaired births; induced deaths; adult and juvenile arrests; school discipline incidents; out-of-home juvenile placements; methamphetamine lab seizures; probation, parole, and prison admissions; and drug court enrollments.
Deliverables/Timeline

1. Required Deliverables and Other Activities for the time period October 1\textsuperscript{st} 2011, to September 30\textsuperscript{th} 2012 are:
   - Revisions made to the Charter established in 2010;
   - State Assessments that will measure and track infrastructure changes owing to the MO-BHEW;
   - Recommendations for the Missouri Student Survey to improve the availability and usefulness of behavioral health data collected on the secondary school student population;
   - Update the State Epidemiology Profile with current data and include a section on behavioral health data needs that cannot be met with currently available data;
   - Update the County Epidemiology Profiles with current data;
   - Continue work on Data Querying Tool to increase utilization of behavioral health data;
   - Prevention Planning Recommendations to provide guidance to the Missouri Department of Mental Health in support of state and local prevention strategies;
   - A State Tracking/Monitoring System, supported at the national level, for which Missouri will include its key behavioral health data;
   - Implement a Dissemination Plan that will increase availability of behavioral health data to both prevention professionals and the general public; and
   - Explore potential ways to gather cost to the community data.

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MO-BHEW Roster
### Monitoring Progress

The SEOW epidemiologist will be responsible for coordination of MO-BHEW meetings and activities as well as preparing statistical analyses, summaries, and reports. Collection of external data will be done in coordination with ADA Research & Statistics staff. The SEOW project director and SEOW data manager will direct the overall planning, development, and administration of the program. As such, they are responsible for providing feedback and direction to the SEOW epidemiologist and the MO-BHEW regarding progress on the project deliverables. They, in consultation with the MO-BHEW, are responsible for formulating a corrective plan of action if it appears that project requirements will not be met.

### Linkage with Prevention System

The MO-BHEW will support the Missouri Department of Mental Health in its decision making process regarding the delivery of prevention services. The project director of Missouri’s SEOW program also oversees the state’s substance abuse prevention planning and is the State’s representative on the National Prevention Network (NPN).
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