Mental Health Measures:

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New England States,
United States

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Dedication

This report is dedicated to
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Richard C. Antonelli has
consistently and enthusiastically
supported mental health performance
measurement and public reporting
throughout his tenure of service
with MHARI.
Introduction

Mental Health Association of Rhode Island (MHARI) has now produced four statistical reports covering mental health service utilization, mental health service outcomes, and the life situations of persons with lived experience of mental illness. These reports as a whole have included cross-sectional, trend, and comparative analyses.

All four of these reports are available on the research section of the MHARI website:
http://www.mhari.org/research.html

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Mental Health Treatment Outcomes in Rhode Island
September 2012

The Impact of Mental Illness on Rhode Islanders:
Statistical Measurement
July 2011

Mental Health Performance Measurement and
Public Reporting Chart Book
March 2010
Important Caveats

I.

Since the States organize their mental healthcare systems in various ways (e.g., children’s services vs. adults’ services; public services vs. private services), caution and thoroughness are required when comparing States on mental health measures.

This report is heuristic – it raises a number of important questions, but it does not provide definitive answers to these questions. Additional research is required to draw firm conclusions.

II.

The statistics included in this report refer specifically to the consumers and services of Community Mental Health Centers (see Appendix I) funded in part by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Community Mental Health Services Block Grant, which is administered through the State Mental Health Agency (SMHA) designated for that purpose.

In Rhode Island, that is the Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals (BHDDH).

III.

Only children served through the Community Mental Health Centers are included in this statistical report.
## Acronyms

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<td>ACT</td>
<td>Assertive Community Treatment</td>
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<td>AMI</td>
<td>Any Mental Illness</td>
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<td>DDT</td>
<td>Dual Diagnosis Treatment</td>
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<td>EBP</td>
<td>Evidence-Based Practice</td>
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<td>BHDDH</td>
<td>Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals</td>
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<td>Center for Mental Health Services</td>
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<td>MHT</td>
<td>Mental Health Treatment</td>
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<td>NE</td>
<td>New England</td>
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<td>SAMHSA</td>
<td>United States Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration</td>
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<td>SED</td>
<td>Serious Emotional Disturbance</td>
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<td>SMHA</td>
<td>State Mental Health Agency responsible for the administration of the SAMHSA Community Mental Health Block Grant</td>
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<td>Serious Mental Illness</td>
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1. Consumers Served by the SMHA System in six New England (NE) States and the United States (US) by Gender

Nationally, the SMHA system serves a slightly higher proportion of female than male consumers. Rhode Island and VT approximate the national rate, while NH and ME serve a higher proportion of female consumers than nationally. Connecticut and MA serve a higher proportion of male than female consumers.

Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System
In the US and four of the NE states, more than 60% of the consumers served by the SMHA system are over the age of 21. In contrast, less than 60% of consumers in VT and CT are 21 or older, and a larger share of their consumers are ages 0 – 20 compared with the US or the other NE states.

Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System
The proportion of consumers of different race/ethnicity served by the SMHA system in six NE states closely reflects the race/ethnicity makeup of each state.

Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System
Almost 1 in 4 RI adults have any mental illness (AMI) compared with 1 in 5 for other NE states and the US.

_Data based on the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, which surveys a representative sample of the national population._

_Data source: Mental Health United States, 2010, Table 98_
Seven percent (7%) of RI adults have serious mental illness (SMI) compared with 4-5% for other NE States and the US.

Data based on the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, which surveys a representative sample of the national population.

Data source: Mental Health United States, 2010, Table 98
Six. Percent of Persons 18 or Older who Received Outpatient Non-Specialty MHT (2005-2009)

Seven percent (7%) of RI adults received outpatient non-specialty mental health treatment (MHT), slightly higher than the other NE states and the US.

Data based on the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, which surveys a representative sample of the national population.

Data source: Mental Health United States, 2010, Table 104
7. Percent of Persons Aged 12-17 who Received Specialty and Non-Specialty MHT (2005-2009)

Nineteen percent (19%) of RI teens received specialty and non-specialty mental health treatment (MHT), slightly lower than the other NE states but somewhat higher than the US.

Data based on the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, which surveys a representative sample of the national population.

Data source: Mental Health United States, 2010, Table 106
8. Utilization Rates/Number of Consumers Served  
Penetration Rate per 1,000 State Population 

Penetration rate per 1,000 state population  

RI 29  
MA 4  
CT 25  
VT 39  
NH 38  
ME 48  
US 22  

Seven percent (7%) of RI adults received outpatient non-specialty mental health treatment (MHT), slightly higher than the other NE states and the US.

Penetration rate = numbers served per 1,000 persons in the state’s population.

Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System
New Hampshire has the highest percentage (33%) of consumers served by its SMHA system employed, while Maine (7%) and MA (11%) have the lowest percentage employed. Rhode Island, with 19% employed, is similar to the US (18%).

Denominator is the sum of consumers employed, unemployed, and not in labor force.

Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System
10. Consumers Served by SMHA System: Living Situation is Homeless Shelter

The percentage of consumers served by the SMHA system living in homeless shelters ranges from 2% to 4%. New Hampshire and Vermont have the lowest percentage (2%).

Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System
The percentage of consumers served by the SMHA system in correctional facilities ranges from 0.2% to 2%. Massachusetts has the highest percentage of the NE states (1.7%) and is similar to the U.S. (1.8%).

_data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System_
12. Consumers Served by SMHA System: Adult Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Services Percent Receiving ACT

Rhode Island and ME have the highest percentage (8%) of SMHA system consumers receiving Assertive Community Services, compared with only 1% in CT and NH and 2% nationally.

Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System
13. Consumers Served by SMHA System: Adult EBP Services
Percent with Medications Management

Data on medications management was available for only two states. Vermont, with 83% of its SMHA system consumers receiving medications management contrasts dramatically with 18% in RI and 23% nationally.

Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System
14. Consumers Served by SMHA System: Adult EBP Services
Percent with Supported Housing

Data on Supported Housing were available for only three states. Maine has 12% of its SMHA system consumers in Supported Housing, which contrasts dramatically with 2% in RI and CT and 3% nationally.

Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System
15. Consumers Served by SMHA System: Adult EBP Services
Percent Receiving Dual Diagnosis Treatment

Data on Dual Diagnosis Treatment (DDT) was available only for two states. Eighteen percent (18%) of RI’s SMHA system consumers received DDT, compared with 4% in CT, and 4% for the US. While RI is doing better than CT and the US, there is considerable room for improvement.

Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System
16. Consumers Served by SMHA System: Adult EBP Services
Percent with Supported Employment

Data on Supported Employment was available for four NE states. Vermont has the highest percentage (31%) of SMHA consumers with supported employment, while RI with the lowest (4%), is still higher than the US (2%).

Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System
17. Consumers Served by SMHA System:
State Hospital Readmissions 180
Days after Discharge

RI  30%
MA  10%
CT  15%
VT  19%
NH  37%
ME  20%
US  21%

Sample Size (N) = 276

New Hampshire (37%) and RI (30%) have the highest percentage of state hospital readmissions 180 days after discharge, compared with 10% for MA and 21% for the US.

Civil “non-Forensic” consumers

Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System

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18. Consumers Served by SMHA System: Percent with Positive Perception of Outcome

While 62% or more of SMHA consumers in New England states and the US are positive about service outcomes, there is still considerable room for improvement.

*Adult Consumer Survey Measure*

*Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System*
19. Consumers Served by SMHA System: Adult EBP Services
Percent with Improved Social Connectedness

While 61% or more of SMHA consumers in six New England states and the US report improved social connectedness, there is still considerable room for improvement.

Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System
20. Inpatient Psychiatric Beds in Private Hospitals
Number/100,000 Adults in the State Population (FY 2007)

Of the NE states, MA and RI have the highest number/100,000 adults of inpatient psychiatric beds in private hospitals. All NE states have a greater number/100,000 adults of inpatient psychiatric beds in private hospitals than the US as a whole.

Data based on a survey of private hospitals

Data source: Mental Health United States, 2010, Table 114
21. Utilization Rates/Number of Consumers Served State Hospital
Utilization per 1,000 Adults in the State Population

The utilization of state psychiatric hospitals per 1,000 members of the state population is highest in NH (1.3) and RI (0.8) and lowest in MA (0.2)

Data source: 2011 CMHS Uniform Reporting System
22. Inpatient Psychiatric Beds in State and Local Psychiatric and other Government Hospitals*  
Number/100,000 Adults (FY 2007)

The NE states, with the exception of CT, have a lower number of inpatient psychiatric beds in state, local, and other government hospitals, than in the US overall.

*VA beds are not included since they are Federal.

** Rhode Island has no State psychiatric hospitals, but rather adult psychiatric/forensic units in a State general hospital and acute inpatient care contracted through private hospitals

**Source: 2012 CMHS Uniform Reporting System; also, see Appendix 2

Data based on a survey of hospitals.

Data source: Mental Health United States, 2010, Table 113
A higher proportion of inmates in New England state correctional facilities received mental health treatment (MHT), compared with the US. Vermont and ME have the highest percentages.

Data based on a survey of correctional facilities

Data source: Mental Health United States, 2010, Table 102
24. Of 10 Clinical Mental Health Services Available for Children under Medicaid, the Number Offered in NE States (FY 2008)

Massachusetts and CT offer eight of ten clinical mental health services available for children under Medicaid; RI offers five and NH offers the fewest (3).

Data based on a study of State’s policies on Medicaid programs

Data source: Mental Health United States, 2010, Table 107
25. Of 11 EBP Mental Health Services Available for Children under Medicaid, Number Offered in NE States (FY 2008)

Connecticut offers nine of eleven EBP mental health services available for children under Medicaid and ME offers six; RI and NH each offer only one.

Data based on a study of State’s policies on Medicaid programs

Data source: Mental Health United States, 2010, Table 107
Connecticut offers eight of thirteen mental health rehabilitation services available for children under Medicaid; RI and NH each offer only one.

Data based on a study of State’s policies on Medicaid programs

Data source: Mental Health United States, 2010, Table 107
27. Of 10 Clinical Services Available for Adults under Medicaid, Number Offered in NE States (FY 2008)

- RI: 8
- MA: 10
- CT: 6
- VT: 6
- NH: 2
- ME: 7

Massachusetts offers all ten clinical mental health services available for adults under Medicaid; RI offers eight while NH offers the fewest at two.

Data based on a study of State’s policies on Medicaid programs

Data source: Mental Health United States, 2010, Table 105
28. Of 7 EBP Services Available for Adults under Medicaid, Number Offered in NE States (FY 2008)

Vermont offers six and ME five EBP mental health services available for adults under Medicaid; RI offers three while NH offers only one.

Data based on a study of State’s policies on Medicaid programs

Data source: Mental Health United States, 2010, Table 105
29. Of 10 Mental Health Rehabilitation Services Available for Adults under Medicaid, Number Offered in NE States (FY 2008)

Vermont offers seven mental health rehabilitation services available for adults under Medicaid; the other NE states offer very few, with RI and NH offering only one.

Data based on a study of State’s policies on Medicaid programs

Data source: Mental Health United States, 2010, Table 105
30. Total Expenditures (Dollars per Capita) Controlled by SMHA System (FY 2008)

Maine’s SMHA system controls expenditures equivalent to $436/person (state adult population), more than any other NE state, and three times the expenditures controlled by RI.

Data based on a study of SMHA

Data source: Mental Health United States, 2010, Table 120
Technical Notes

I.

In general, data displayed in this report are the result of data gathered by the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals (BHDDH). And forwarded to the United States Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) subcontractor Northern Rhode Island (NRI) as part of the Federal Block Grant data infrastructure requirements.

II.

Specifically, data contained in this report were drawn from two SAMHSA sources: 2011 Mental Health National Outcome Measures (NOMS): Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) Uniform Reporting System and Mental Health United States 2010.
### Appendix 1: Mental Health Programs funded by the Federal Mental Health Block Grant in RI (FY 2012)

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<th>Agency Name</th>
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<td>NRI Community Services</td>
<td>PO Box 1700, Woonsocket, RI 02895</td>
<td>Providence County (Woonsocket)</td>
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<td>Department of Children, Youth and Families</td>
<td>101 Friendship Street, Providence, RI 02903</td>
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<td>Gateway Healthcare, Inc.</td>
<td>249 Roosevelt Avenue, Suite 205, Pawtucket, RI 02860</td>
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<td>The Providence Center</td>
<td>528 North Main St, Providence, RI 02904</td>
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<td>The Kent Center</td>
<td>2756 Post Road, Suite 200, Warwick, RI 02886</td>
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<td>South Shore Community Mental Health Center</td>
<td>PO Box 899, Charlestown, RI 02813</td>
<td>Washington County</td>
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<td>East Bay Center</td>
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<td>Newport County Community Mental Health Center</td>
<td>127 Johnnycake Hill Rd, Middletown, RI 02842</td>
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<td>Mental Health Consumer Advocates</td>
<td>152 Summer Street, Providence, RI 02903</td>
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<td>SSTAR of Rhode Island</td>
<td>1950 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852</td>
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Source: 2012 CMHS Uniform Reporting System
Appendix 2: General Notes RI (FY 2012)

I.

Only children served through the Community Mental Health Centers are included in this statistical report.

II.

Supported Housing, along with employment, has been a particular focus in RI given the relatively high homelessness and unemployment we have experienced in the past few years.

The increase in the number of consumers receiving Supported Housing services from 2011 is accurate; however, please note this is just a single month snapshot of consumers served. It does not reflect totals across the FY, which may show less of an increase overall.

III.

In the fall of 2011, RI discontinued our ACT teams and instead implemented the RI Consumer System of Care (RISOC). This provides a coordinated team approach to treatment for over half of our SMI consumers, though with less stringent requirements than ACT with regard to things such as treatment hours and client/staff ratios.

IV.

The Division does not have access to data regarding inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations other than those that are state-funded.

Source: 2012 CMHS Uniform Reporting System