MARYLAND MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION
OUTCOMES MEASUREMENT SYSTEM (OMS) DATAMART
USER GUIDELINES

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Information for the OMS Datamart is gathered from individuals, ages 6-64, who are receiving outpatient mental health treatment services in the PMHS.

- The OMS information, which is gathered directly through interviews between the clinician and consumer, is collected at the beginning of treatment and approximately every 6 months while receiving treatment.

- Outpatient Mental Health Centers (OMHCs), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), and Hospital-Based Clinics (also known as “HSCRC” clinics) submit OMS questionnaires.

- Consumers who are not included in the OMS include: consumers treated in settings other than those listed above; consumers treated by individual practitioners; consumers under 6 years of age or over 64 years of age; consumers dually eligible for Medicare/Medicaid; and consumers being treated by out-of-state providers.

- Data collection for the OMS was implemented statewide in September, 2006; therefore, the interval between the initial interview and most recent interview may vary from six months to several years.

- The OMS questionnaires were revised in September, 2009. As a result, some items were changed and others added; therefore, data for a particular question may not be available earlier than this.

- More information about data collection is available in the OMS Interview Guide, which can be accessed from the Welcome Page under the Additional OMS Resources tab.

“START YOUR ANALYSIS” USER SELECTIONS

Population Options
- The user must select either Child & Adolescent or Adult. Although the OMS questionnaires are fairly similar in content, there are some differences in terms of the specific life domains available.

Type of Analysis Options
- There are two “Types of Analysis” available in the Datamart: “Most Recent Interview Only” and “Initial Interview Compared to Most Recent Interview.”

  - “Most Recent Interview Only” presents aggregated responses from consumers’ most recent OMS interviews. For example, the results for the homelessness question will show the number and percentage of individuals who answered “Yes” and the number and percentage answering “No.”

  - “Initial Interview Compared to Most Recent Interview” presents aggregated comparisons of consumers’ most recent interviews to their initial interviews. For example, the results for the homelessness question will show the number and percentage of individuals who gained housing, who were not homeless at either interview, who were homeless at both interviews, or who lost housing. Two criteria must be met for consumers to be included in the analysis: 1) consumers must have at least two consecutive OMS questionnaires at the same program; and 2) the item selected for analysis must have been answered both times.
**Time Frame Options**
- The user may select a specific time frame for analysis: rolling 12 months, a fiscal year, or a calendar year.
- Responses from the most recent interview in the selected time frame are used in the “Most Recent Interview Only” analysis option.
- Responses from the most recent interview in the selected time frame are compared to the initial interview in the “Initial Interview Compared to Most Recent Interview” analysis option.
- After clicking “View Results,” verify that the selections made are reflected in the header of the next screen.

**DATAMART “DROP-DOWN” MENUS AND TABS**
- There are four demographic “drop-down” menus: geographic area, age, gender, and race. Under each menu, one selection at a time may be made.
- There are several “Life Domain” tabs located under the demographic “drop-down” menus. Because many of the life domains are comprised of multiple questions, please note the following:
  - Many life domains have more than one display on a page.
  - Several life domains have multiple pages of results. The user should “click on” the page numbers in the upper right hand corner of the display to navigate back and forth among the pages of results within the selected domain.
- The tab labeled “Counts,” located to the far right of the life domain tabs, will provide the number of consumers who completed OMS questionnaires based on the criteria selected. For example, if the user chooses “Adult,” “Statewide,” “Most Recent Interview Only,” “Fiscal Year 2009,” “18-21,” “Male Only,” and “Multiracial,” the result will be the number and percentage of consumers who meet all of these selected criteria.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE ANALYSIS RESULTS**
- The OMS data in the Datamart is updated on a regular basis, as indicated by the “data through” date found in the lower right corner of the life domain screens.
- The number of individuals included within each analysis may vary depending on whether or not the individual answered the particular item.
- Some percentages may not total to 100% due to rounding.
- The Statewide total will not match the total of all county figures. Individuals who live out-of-state and receive services in Maryland are included in the Statewide total; however, they are not included in county counts.
- When viewing the OMS Datamart, keep in mind that many things influence consumer outcome data. For example, the number of school suspensions may be influenced by the County’s school suspension policy and employment may be related to general economic conditions and job availability.