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**Subject:** Comments on PATH Annual Report Revisions

Hello Ms. King. I am NC Alternate PATH State Contact and I would like to make a comment.

3. Staff Training: The revision is to add to the Budget Section to collect information about the number of trainings provided by PATH funded staff. The question about training had been removed as it really is not in line with what PATH staff do. The intensity it takes to work with individuals literally homeless with serious mental illness to connect to all the needed services, placed in supported housing and connected to mental health services prevents time for PATH staff to train. I understand that some states may do this but it is not connected to reach the outcome of living in supported housing and transitioned to community mental health services. I recommend this be an optional question so as not to have it appear that this is a major role for PATH funded staff.

I want to extend a huge thank you for removing the data collection under services, referrals and demographics. Thanks. Debbie

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Please see below for comments on the proposed changes to the PATH Annual Report as published in the Federal register on May 18, 2015:

# 3 – Staff Training – an element has been added to collect info on the # of trainings provided by PATH-funded staff. In NY, our PATH funds are used primarily for support services, with some funds going towards training. I would not like to see SAMHSA’s efforts in this area make our PATH service providers feel they need to shift some of their resources to training.

# 8 – Demographics, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph last sentence – an element has been added to report on the # of clients connected to their benefits using the SAMHSA funded SOAR model. In NY, SOAR is utilized but so are many other models to connect folks to SSI, etc. I would not like to see PATH sponsors feel they are limited to SOAR only. In fact, I have just learned from the SOAR TA Center that in NY, regional in person SOAR trainings will no longer be available. All available SOAR training will only be accessed thru the SOAR website.

Lastly, the estimated annual burden table on the bottom of the page is not clear. If it is suggested that OMH and the local providers spend @ 20 hours on annual reporting for PATH, that is inaccurate. The annual report process is time consuming and takes weeks to accomplish.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration.