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To: OpioidSTR (SAMHSA/CSAT)

Subject: Opioid STR Performance Measurement Reports for WebGAS recommendations from Texas

Texas has reviewed the draft Opioid STR Performance Measurement Reports for WebBGAS and would like to provide the following comments/suggested edits:

- Table B2 for RSS In Texas, this would only include adults engaged in Long-term Peer Recovery Coaching services. Texas will be able to report the total unduplicated numbers of individuals served and the number of other recovery support services (ex. transportation, housing assistance, childcare, GED, employment, etc.) provided. Documenting demographic information for individuals not enrolling in peer recovery coach services would be extremely time consuming and tedious for recovery coaches to enter into client information center. Recommendation to eliminate tracking all demographic information for non-enrolling participants receiving drop-in recovery support services and only require unduplicated counts. For participants receiving long-term peer recovery coaching demographic information can be provided.
- Recovery/Aftercare Services Table: In Texas, RSS services can occur before, during, and/or after treatment services. The number of clients who completed RSS there is no required end date as it is available as long as the individual wants to engage in RSS services. Provide definitions for "Recovery" and "Aftercare" as they may be used interchangeably, and in fact, are not one in the same. Recovery (support services) in this context is an actual funded activity, or set of activities, within a programmatic theme, that has empirical foundations. Aftercare is broad and general term that has does not have any standardized clinical, programmatic, or research based outcomes associated with it.
- Tables D2 and D3: Add "Other, Please Specify" option for each table and provide definitions for each concept.

Thank you,

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