

SECTION III: RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS

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1. How do you anticipate health resource planning for Behavioral Health to help you in your work? How do you expect to use the information resulting from the effort?

State wide data collection will be useful to grant writing and to petitioning for additional services to be covered by payers.

3. Given the importance of prevention and also "post-acute" services for mental health & substance abuse, what critical evidence-based services & programs are available, should be expanded, or need to be developed? Are there specific models you suggest we study?

School based prevention and reentry models for children who have been hospitalized like the Robert Wood Johnson funded program at Brookline High School in 2001 or 2002. Models of evidence-based mental health care for elders are needed if we are to manage our future growth of elders in MA

4. Obtaining capacity, workload/volume, and demand data for outpatient & community mental health & substance abuse services is a challenge. Do you have ideas for data sources or suggestions for collecting data now or in the future? Are there specific "data gaps" that you feel are important for future data collection?

Many outpatient agencies collect and calculate productivity data on their staff. Having access to the formulas and the data might be very revealing regarding practice patterns and cost of delivering care.

Thank you for sharing this important work. I look forward to my work with the Governor's Commission on Health Care Workforce.

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