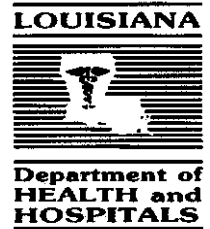




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Dear Community Stakeholder,

As members of the Louisiana Behavioral Healthcare Taskforce, we invite community stakeholders to partner with us and your local behavioral health agencies by advocating for improved treatment services for people with co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders. Community stakeholder involvement is essential as we move to reshape Louisiana's treatment service system as part of our recovery from the recent disasters. In making a formal commitment to the restructuring process, we plan to incorporate your input as we improve our treatment system. Your membership in a local Community Networking Group (CNG) is vital to the process of adapting local treatment services to the statewide adopted model for co-occurring disorders treatment - Louisiana Integrated Treatment Services (LITS). We are pleased to see a growing number of community stakeholders, like you, participating in this process.

In this respect, we continue to encourage your local behavioral health agencies to support your involvement, to dialogue with CNGs, and to demonstrate responsiveness to your input on changes you believe are necessary. We also encourage members from the LITS Client Advisory Board (CAB), the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders, and the Mental Health Planning Council to collaborate with you in this process. You might be asking "So, what can I do?" Contact your local members to find out what's happening in your community - please refer to the enclosed directory.

We'd like to share some examples of what we have been doing at the state level to promote stakeholder input, especially from clients and consumers:

- ✓ We ensure that federal grant dollars support LITS Client Advisory Board (CAB) work activities that are crucial to the LITS process; we ensure that LITS events include CAB members, as well as other community stakeholders.
- ✓ In March 2005, we established a permanent seat on our Taskforce for a consumer/client.
- ✓ In July 2005, we recruited two CAB members to participate in state-level committees

We know that, in the past, it has been a difficult job to influence changes in the system. Please know that we are committed to this reform effort to provide integrated services for people with co-occurring disorders, and we are especially thankful for your continued dedication and collaboration with us and your local partners. Please spread the word that the voice of community stakeholders is one to be heard, recognized, and responded to, and there are local opportunities in every area across the state to be part of this voice.

Respectfully,


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Louisiana Integrated Treatment Services
Statewide Directory of Local LITS Partners *

↔ **MEMBERSHIP KEY**

LCAD = Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders
Fac. = Steering Committee Facilitator

LA MHPC = Louisiana Mental Health Planning Council
CAB = LITS Client Advisory Board

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