

Minnesota's Outcome Measures System

Minnesota Mental Health Action Group (MMHAG)

Coalition of consumers, advocacy groups, mental health professionals, mental health clinics, hospitals, health plans, state and local government leaders – formed in 2003

Quality & Performance Workgroup (2004)

Two charges:

- Identify standardized outcome measures for statewide use in children's mental health
 - Measure both client's symptoms and ability to function
 - Cost effective and easy to administer
 - Scientifically sound
 - Clinically meaningful
- Develop a coordinated statewide evaluation system
 - Collect measures on children receiving services from mental health providers
 - Manage data and reporting for provider level and statewide use

Choice of Outcome Measures

- Child & Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII) to measure overall functioning
- Early Childhood Service Intensity Instrument (ECSII) for children 0-5 added in 2011
- Strengths & Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) to measure symptomology

Pilot Testing

- Began in March, 2006
- Enrolled subjects through January, 2007
- Collected data through April, 2008
- Data on >4,000 children and adolescents
- Final report Issued July, 2008
- Workgroup recommended statewide adoption

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- MMHAG provided impetus for legislative appropriation in 2007
- CMS Grant provided funding to add functionality within current DHS system infrastructure
- July 1, 2009 providers required to complete instruments and enter data into system
- CASII or ECSII, and SDQ utilized for intake, periodic review and discharge planning
- Application includes client-level, clinician caseload, and agency-wide reports