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Subject: Peer Integration Survey

The Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health (TIEMH) at the University of Texas at Austin is contracted by the Department of State Health Services to evaluate the integration of the peer specialist workforce within public mental health organizations in Texas. You were selected to participate in this evaluation because you are an Executive Director or Superintendent at a mental health provider organization funded by the state. To assist with this process, we are requesting that you forward this email invitation to all staff members at your organization.

The results of this survey will be used to help shape the future direction of peer specialist integration in Texas. The information collected may be presented and published to better inform policies and practices related to peer specialist integration and recovery. No identifying information is collected in the course of completing this survey. Participation is voluntary and you can exit the survey at any time. To participate in this survey, please click on the link below.

https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9WWryNOUTfS9FMF

The survey link will be active through the end of business on April 29, 2016. Email reminders about the survey will be sent each week until the survey closes.

If you have any questions or comments please contact the lead evaluator of this initiative at the Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health: Juli Earley, LMSW at juli.earley@austin.utexas.edu or by phone at 512-232-8599.

Thank you in advance for your participation and providing your staff with the opportunity to participate.