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TO: Executive Directors/CEOs, DSHS-funded Substance and Mental Health Contract Providers

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Subject: Stakeholder Survey - Service System Priorities
Responses due July 27, 2011

The Mental Health and Substance Abuse (MHSA) Division of the Texas Department of State Health Services is seeking stakeholder input regarding service system priorities for persons with Severe Mental Illness, Serious Emotional Disturbances and/or Substance Use Disorders. Feedback from this survey will be used for planning of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse combined Block Grant Application.

The service system outlined in the survey is from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) "Description of a Good and Modern Addictions and Mental Health Service System". An expanded explanation of the system is available at:http://www.samhsa.gov/healthreform/docs/good_and_modern_4_18_2011_508.pdf.

Please take a moment to complete the brief survey **BY JULY 27, 2011** at the link below:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YTDBW3B>

This survey may be forwarded to anyone that may want to provide input on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services System.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Mary Sowder at 512-206-5814 or mary.sowder@dshs.state.tx.us.