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**APRIL 28, 2009 AMENDMENT TO ITEM NO. 24: KATIE A. STRATEGIC PLAN,
MONTHLY REPORT ON THE MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING PROCESS**

On April 28, 2009, the Board ordered the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to prepare a monthly report on the mental health screening process, beginning May 30, 2009. This report tracks the implementation in Service Planning Areas (SPA) 1, 6, 7, Pomona and El Monte regional offices of the Coordinated Services Action Team (CSAT), and the Referral Tracking System (RTS) regarding the mental health screening, referral and service linkage protocols for children in new and currently open DCFS cases from implementation on May 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010.

The RTS Summary Data Report

As discussed in the Katie A. Strategic Plan, the CSAT and RTS provide the organizational structure and system by which DCFS and DMH will ensure and track the mental health screening, referral, and service linkage process for children in new and currently open DCFS cases. The attached RTS Summary Data Report provides definitions of the three tracks to screening and 18 data elements that provide

participation rates, timeliness and the context for greater understanding of factors affecting the service linkage process.

Each RTS Summary Data Report concludes with a summary total, labeled "Cumulative," providing a combined total or an average rate achieved for all data elements from all CSAT and RTS operational offices. As noted in previous reports to your Board, the data for the RTS Summary Data Report is continuously entered, with the final compliance rates evident only after 90 days from the date of a newly opened case or the case plan due date for currently open cases. Policy requires a child to be screened within the first 30 calendar days of case opening or case plan due date. Children who screen positive should be referred for mental health services no later than the next 30 days and should begin to receive mental health services no later than 30 days from the date of the referral.

Summary Highlights

As of July 14, 2010, data entered into the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) indicates the year-to-date progress made by SPA 7 from implementation on May 1, 2009, by SPA 6 from implementation on August 1, 2009, by SPA 1 from implementation on September 1, 2009, and SPA 3 from implementation on April 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010.

- A total of **1,159** individual Children's Social Workers (CSWs) completed mental health screens to date.
- Out of **19,915** children in tracks 1, 2 and 3, **14,439** children required screens and **13,949** children were screened at a **97%** screening rate.*
- Out of the **6,518** children who screened positive, **6,082** children were referred for mental health services at a **95%** referral rate. **

* The number of children that required screens is defined as a) the number of newly detained children (Track 1) with a case opening in the month; b) the number of newly open non-detained children (Track 2) with a case opening in the month; c) the number of children in an existing open case (Track 3), not currently receiving mental health services, with a case plan update due or a behavioral indicator identified requiring the completion of a CIMH/MHST within the month. Out of the total number of children reported, the number of children that required screens was reduced by the number of children in cases (Tracks 1, 2, and 3) that were closed during the screening, referral and service linkage process.

** The rate of referral reflects the number of children who screen positive minus the number of children who are determined to be privately insured divided by the number of children referred to mental health services.

- Out of **6,082** children referred for mental health services, **5,730** children received a mental health service activity at a **94%** access rate.
- The average number of days between the case opening or case plan due date and completion of a mental health screen was **22** calendar days.
- The average number of days between a positive mental health screen or Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (MAT) referral and referral for mental health service was **7** calendar days.
- The average number of days between a referral for mental health service and the first mental health service activity was **3** calendar days.
- The average number of days between case opening and start of mental health services totaled **32** days.

Quality of Mental Health Services

In responding to the issue of the quality of mental health services, DMH is currently in the process of converting from the chart review methodology used in previous reports to the Quality Service Review (QSR) process, an in-depth analysis examining a broad range of systems performance and child and family status indicators both for child welfare and mental health. The QSR uses a combination of information, including record reviews, interviews, and observations gathered and interpreted by certified reviewers from DMH and DCFS. One of the indicators, "Emotional Well-Being of the Child," includes the following core concepts: attachment and positive social relationships; coping and adapting skills; appropriate self-management of emotions and behaviors showing resilience and optimizing positive self image; and a sense of satisfaction that his/her fundamental needs are being met. DMH plans to include the results of the initial QSR reviews in the August 31, 2010 report to your board.

Lessons Learned

Implementation of the CSAT and RTS in SPAs 1, 6, 7, Pomona and El Monte regional offices continue. Important lessons learned, include:

1. While CSAT implementation practices within regional offices differ, reflecting each team's personality and regional management styles, the consistency of CSAT structure and procedures is designed to ensure streamlined service delivery. We recently learned that some offices have introduced systems that appear redundant.

To address these circumstances, CSAT staff will attend section meetings within each regional office and report back. The program managers will troubleshoot concerns and proactively resolve matters that impact success in currently and newly implemented CSAT offices.

2. When undocumented children are detained and placed in care with relatives they are ineligible for federal funding, which includes Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT). Funding restrictions at the state and federal level for undocumented children may cause Children's Social Workers (CSWs) to believe a choice must be made between access to services and placement with relatives. CSAT will work with DMH to identify services that are available to this population and provide the information to CSWs.

SUMMARY

Overall, the year-to-date RTS Summary Data Report results remain very good. The screening, referral, and mental health service access rates have not varied significantly since last month's progress report (screening rate increased slightly from 96% to 97%, the referral decreased to 95% from 96%, and the access rate remained stable at 94%). A rate of 90% or higher in any category is considered very good primarily because the cumulative rates include cases less than 90 days out from case opening. Additionally, the progress is considered very good given the high number of clients and staff who need to be coordinated and managed in this process. A review of 19,915 children, involving the coordination and work of management and staff across seven regional offices was required to achieve the year-to-date results.

The next report due to your Board on August 31, 2010, will reflect CSAT activities and RTS data tracking in SPAs 1, 6, 7, Pomona and El Monte DCFS offices from initial CSAT implementation through June 30, 2010 and will include information from the QSR process related to the quality of mental health services.

If you have any questions, please call us or your staff may contact Armand Montiel, Assistant Division Chief, DCFS Office of Board Relations, at (213) 351-5530.

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BOS RTS Summary Data Report**

**Data as of July 14, 2010
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		Newly Detained	Newly Opened Non Detained	Existing Open Cases	Total
Belvedere	(1) Number of children	482	933	1,898	3,313
	(2) Number of children currently receiving mental health services	9	44	641	694
	(3) Number of children requiring screens	481	921	1,049	2,451
	(4) Number of children screened	467	909	1,017	2,393
	(5) Number of CSWs completing screens	79	112	116	210
	(6) Number of days between case opening/case plan due date and screen	23	56	42	40
	(7) <i>Rate of screening</i>	97%	99%	97%	98%
	(8) Number of children with positive screens	448	449	283	1,180
	(9) <i>Rate of children with positive screens</i>	96%	49%	28%	49%
	(10) Number of children for whom consent for mental health services is declined	0	3	1	4
	(11) Number of children with positive screens determined to be EPSDT-eligible	442	423	257	1,122
	(12) Number of children with positive screens determined to be privately insured	0	2	5	7
	(13) Number of children referred for mental health services	443	433	267	1,143
	(14) Number of days between screening and referral to mental health provider	1	1	3	1
	(15) <i>Rate of referral</i>	99%	97%	95%	97%
	(16) Number of children accessing services	426	414	244	1,084
	(17) Number of days between referral for mental health services and the provision of a mental health activity	-3	0	-1	-1
	(18) <i>Rate of mental health services</i>	96%	96%	91%	95%

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Compton	(1) Number of children	294	811	1,470	2,575
	(2) Number of children currently receiving mental health services	1	39	532	572
	(3) Number of children requiring screens	286	790	850	1,926
	(4) Number of children screened	280	787	844	1,911
	(5) Number of CSWs completing screens	54	85	127	185
	(6) Number of days between case opening/case plan due date and screen	10	13	2	9
	(7) <i>Rate of screening</i>	<i>98%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>99%</i>
	(8) Number of children with positive screens	275	544	323	1,142
	(9) <i>Rate of children with positive screens</i>	<i>98%</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>60%</i>
	(10) Number of children for whom consent for mental health services is declined	1	11	5	17
	(11) Number of children with positive screens determined to be EPSDT-eligible	261	471	286	1,018
	(12) Number of children with positive screens determined to be privately insured	0	1	0	1
	(13) Number of children referred for mental health services	271	517	308	1,096
	(14) Number of days between screening and referral to mental health provider	2	8	11	7
	(15) <i>Rate of referral</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>97%</i>	<i>97%</i>	<i>97%</i>
	(16) Number of children accessing services	267	516	307	1,090
	(17) Number of days between referral for mental health services and the provision of a mental health activity	2	5	5	4
	(18) <i>Rate of mental health services</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>99%</i>

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		Newly Detained	Newly Opened Non Detained	Existing Open Cases	Total
EI Monte	(1) Number of children	48	61	173	282
	(2) Number of children currently receiving mental health services	0	3	69	72
	(3) Number of children requiring screens	48	57	81	186
	(4) Number of children screened	48	52	80	180
	(5) Number of CSWs completing screens	20	15	24	49
	(6) Number of days between case opening/case plan due date and screen	8	10	9	9
	(7) <i>Rate of screening</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>91%</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>97%</i>
	(8) Number of children with positive screens	48	30	22	100
	(9) <i>Rate of children with positive screens</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>56%</i>
	(10) Number of children for whom consent for mental health services is declined	0	1	0	1
	(11) Number of children with positive screens determined to be EPSDT-eligible	45	26	22	93
	(12) Number of children with positive screens determined to be privately insured	2	2	0	4
	(13) Number of children referred for mental health services	47	25	22	94
	(14) Number of days between screening and referral to mental health provider	2	4	1	2
	(15) <i>Rate of referral</i>	<i>98%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>95%</i>
	(16) Number of children accessing services	42	20	22	84
	(17) Number of days between referral for mental health services and the provision of a mental health activity	5	0	0	2
	(18) <i>Rate of mental health services</i>	<i>89%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>89%</i>

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Lancaster	(1) Number of children	260	593	1,028	1,881
	(2) Number of children currently receiving mental health services	11	20	464	495
	(3) Number of children requiring screens	260	575	478	1,313
	(4) Number of children screened	257	552	474	1,283
	(5) Number of CSWs completing screens	54	49	61	109
	(6) Number of days between case opening/case plan due date and screen	12	23	11	16
	(7) <i>Rate of screening</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>96%</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>98%</i>
	(8) Number of children with positive screens	225	233	151	609
	(9) <i>Rate of children with positive screens</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>47%</i>
	(10) Number of children for whom consent for mental health services is declined	8	23	14	45
	(11) Number of children with positive screens determined to be EPSDT-eligible	211	161	143	515
	(12) Number of children with positive screens determined to be privately insured	3	30	1	34
	(13) Number of children referred for mental health services	207	196	132	535
	(14) Number of days between screening and referral to mental health provider	5	15	11	10
	(15) <i>Rate of referral</i>	<i>95%</i>	<i>93%</i>	<i>96%</i>	<i>95%</i>
	(16) Number of children accessing services	202	172	128	502
	(17) Number of days between referral for mental health services and the provision of a mental health activity	3	7	4	5
	(18) <i>Rate of mental health services</i>	<i>98%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>97%</i>	<i>94%</i>

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Palmdale	(1) Number of children	193	459	1,156	1,808
	(2) Number of children currently receiving mental health services	9	18	522	549
	(3) Number of children requiring screens	193	452	564	1,209
	(4) Number of children screened	193	442	559	1,194
	(5) Number of CSWs completing screens	40	41	79	118
	(6) Number of days between case opening/case plan due date and screen	18	21	22	20
	(7) <i>Rate of screening</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>98%</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>99%</i>
	(8) Number of children with positive screens	155	186	193	534
	(9) <i>Rate of children with positive screens</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>45%</i>
	(10) Number of children for whom consent for mental health services is declined	5	19	15	39
	(11) Number of children with positive screens determined to be EPSDT-eligible	153	131	177	461
	(12) Number of children with positive screens determined to be privately insured	5	21	6	32
	(13) Number of children referred for mental health services	143	158	169	470
	(14) Number of days between screening and referral to mental health provider	7	9	7	8
	(15) <i>Rate of referral</i>	<i>95%</i>	<i>95%</i>	<i>95%</i>	<i>95%</i>
	(16) Number of children accessing services	138	133	138	409
	(17) Number of days between referral for mental health services and the provision of a mental health activity	2	4	7	5
	(18) <i>Rate of mental health services</i>	<i>97%</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>87%</i>

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Pomona	(1) Number of children	55	198	382	635
	(2) Number of children currently receiving mental health services	0	7	131	138
	(3) Number of children requiring screens	55	184	214	453
	(4) Number of children screened	54	166	197	417
	(5) Number of CSWs completing screens	20	28	46	81
	(6) Number of days between case opening/case plan due date and screen	11	14	14	13
	(7) <i>Rate of screening</i>	<i>98%</i>	<i>90%</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>92%</i>
	(8) Number of children with positive screens	43	72	30	145
	(9) <i>Rate of children with positive screens</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>35%</i>
	(10) Number of children for whom consent for mental health services is declined	0	0	1	1
	(11) Number of children with positive screens determined to be EPSDT-eligible	42	60	27	129
	(12) Number of children with positive screens determined to be privately insured	0	1	0	1
	(13) Number of children referred for mental health services	43	66	22	131
	(14) Number of days between screening and referral to mental health provider	5	2	5	4
	(15) <i>Rate of referral</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>91%</i>
	(16) Number of children accessing services	43	66	22	131
	(17) Number of days between referral for mental health services and the provision of a mental health activity	0	0	0	0
	(18) <i>Rate of mental health services</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>

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S F Springs	(1) Number of children	416	634	1,737	2,787
	(2) Number of children currently receiving mental health services	6	6	629	641
	(3) Number of children requiring screens	399	583	969	1,951
	(4) Number of children screened	398	577	945	1,920
	(5) Number of CSWs completing screens	89	103	86	196
	(6) Number of days between case opening/case plan due date and screen	26	22	16	22
	(7) <i>Rate of screening</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>98%</i>	<i>98%</i>
	(8) Number of children with positive screens	350	336	251	937
	(9) <i>Rate of children with positive screens</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>49%</i>
	(10) Number of children for whom consent for mental health services is declined	4	5	9	18
	(11) Number of children with positive screens determined to be EPSDT-eligible	314	251	223	788
	(12) Number of children with positive screens determined to be privately insured	5	9	1	15
	(13) Number of children referred for mental health services	341	324	239	904
	(14) Number of days between screening and referral to mental health provider	13	6	14	11
	(15) <i>Rate of referral</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>98%</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>98%</i>
	(16) Number of children accessing services	333	322	238	893
	(17) Number of days between referral for mental health services and the provision of a mental health activity	2	5	6	4
	(18) <i>Rate of mental health services</i>	<i>98%</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>99%</i>

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Vermont Corridor	(1) Number of children	482	755	1,708	2,945
	(2) Number of children currently receiving mental health services	3	6	716	725
	(3) Number of children requiring screens	482	724	886	2,092
	(4) Number of children screened	410	699	864	1,973
	(5) Number of CSWs completing screens	67	90	96	165
	(6) Number of days between case opening/case plan due date and screen	30	16	16	23
	(7) <i>Rate of screening</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>97%</i>	<i>98%</i>	<i>94%</i>
	(8) Number of children with positive screens	366	250	164	780
	(9) <i>Rate of children with positive screens</i>	<i>89%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>40%</i>
	(10) Number of children for whom consent for mental health services is declined	3	3	9	15
	(11) Number of children with positive screens determined to be EPSDT-eligible	343	171	144	658
	(12) Number of children with positive screens determined to be privately insured	0	8	4	12
	(13) Number of children referred for mental health services	352	222	145	719
	(14) Number of days between screening and referral to mental health provider	5	4	9	5
	(15) <i>Rate of referral</i>	<i>97%</i>	<i>90%</i>	<i>94%</i>	<i>94%</i>
	(16) Number of children accessing services	267	204	128	599
	(17) Number of days between referral for mental health services and the provision of a mental health activity	1	8	10	5
	(18) <i>Rate of mental health services</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>83%</i>

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Wateridge	(1) Number of children	523	1,096	2,070	3,689
	(2) Number of children currently receiving mental health services	5	23	677	705
	(3) Number of children requiring screens	521	1,077	1,260	2,858
	(4) Number of children screened	479	1,014	1,185	2,678
	(5) Number of CSWs completing screens	93	103	125	244
	(6) Number of days between case opening/case plan due date and screen	24	21	10	20
	(7) <i>Rate of screening</i>	92%	94%	94%	94%
	(8) Number of children with positive screens	451	406	234	1,091
	(9) <i>Rate of children with positive screens</i>	94%	40%	20%	41%
	(10) Number of children for whom consent for mental health services is declined	0	2	1	3
	(11) Number of children with positive screens determined to be EPSDT-eligible	425	339	195	959
	(12) Number of children with positive screens determined to be privately insured	0	4	3	7
	(13) Number of children referred for mental health services	440	350	200	990
	(14) Number of days between screening and referral to mental health provider	3	12	19	9
	(15) <i>Rate of referral</i>	98%	87%	86%	91%
	(16) Number of children accessing services	406	341	191	938
	(17) Number of days between referral for mental health services and the provision of a mental health activity	3	3	2	3
	(18) <i>Rate of mental health services</i>	92%	97%	96%	95%

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Cumulative	(1) Number of children	2,753	5,540	11,622	19,915
	(2) Number of children currently receiving mental health services	44	166	4,381	4,591
	(3) Number of children requiring screens	2,725	5,363	6,351	14,439
	(4) Number of children screened	2,586	5,198	6,165	13,949
	(5) Number of CSWs completing screens	395	576	746	1,159
	(6) Number of days between case opening/case plan due date and screen	21	25	17	22
	(7) <i>Rate of screening</i>	<i>95%</i>	<i>97%</i>	<i>97%</i>	<i>97%</i>
	(8) Number of children with positive screens	2,361	2,506	1,651	6,518
	(9) <i>Rate of children with positive screens</i>	<i>91%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>47%</i>
	(10) Number of children for whom consent for mental health services is declined	21	67	55	143
	(11) Number of children with positive screens determined to be EPSDT-eligible	2,236	2,033	1,474	5,743
	(12) Number of children with positive screens determined to be privately insured	15	78	20	113
	(13) Number of children referred for mental health services	2,287	2,291	1,504	6,082
	(14) Number of days between screening and referral to mental health provider	5	7	10	7
	(15) <i>Rate of referral</i>	<i>98%</i>	<i>94%</i>	<i>94%</i>	<i>95%</i>
	(16) Number of children accessing services	2,124	2,188	1,418	5,730
	(17) Number of days between referral for mental health services and the provision of a mental health activity	1	4	4	3
	(18) <i>Rate of mental health services</i>	<i>93%</i>	<i>96%</i>	<i>94%</i>	<i>94%</i>

Track #1: Newly Detained

All newly detained children eligible for the Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (MAT) program will receive a comprehensive assessment (including mental health) and mental health service linkage. All newly detained children not eligible for MAT, or in a SPA with insufficient capacity, will receive a mental health screening by the CSW using the California Institute of Mental Health/Mental Health Screening Tool (CIMH/MHST). Based on a positive mental health screening, children will be referred for mental health services through the co-located DMH staff and/or Service Linkage Specialist (SLS).

Track #2: Newly Open Non-Detained

All newly opened non-detained children (family maintenance or voluntary family reunification) will receive a mental health screening by the CSW using the CIMH/MHST and, based on a positive mental health screening, referred for mental health services through the co-located DMH staff and/or SLS.

Track #3: Existing Open Cases

All existing open cases will receive a mental health screening by the CSW using the CIMH/MHST when the next case plan update is due or a behavioral indicator is present (unless the child is already receiving mental health services) and, based on a positive mental health screening, referred for mental health services through the co-located DMH staff and/or SLS.

Footnotes

- (1) Number of children is defined as the total number of children receiving DCFS services within each screening track.
- (2) Number of children currently receiving mental health services is the number of children in an existing DCFS case who are currently receiving mental health services, defined as having received a billable mental health service activity within the previous 120 calendar days. The number of children currently receiving mental health services in track one and two is provided for information purposes only. The number of children currently receiving mental health services in track three is provided to show the number of children who are not required to be screened.
- (3) Number of children requiring screens is defined as a) the number of newly detained children with a case opening in the month; b) the number of newly open non-detained children with a case opening in the month; c) the number of children in an existing open case, not currently receiving mental health services, with a case plan update due or a behavioral indicator identified requiring the completion of a CIMH/MHST within the month. Additionally, the number of children requiring screens may be reduced by the number of children in cases that were closed or by the number of runaway/abducted children in the 30 day period.
- (4) Number of children screened is defined as the total number of DCFS children for whom a CIMH/MHST or a MAT referral is completed. In accordance with the Strategic Plan, all newly detained MAT-eligible children will automatically be referred for a MAT assessment regardless of the CIMH/MHST outcome. Therefore, a referral to the MAT program acts as a positive screening.
- (5) Number of CSWs completing screens is defined as the number of CSWs who completed a CIMH/MHST.
- (6) Number of days between case opening/case plan due date and screen is defined as the average number of calendar days between the DCFS case opening date or case plan due date and the completion of a CIMH/MHST or MAT referral.
- (7) Rate of screening is defined as the percent of children screened out of the total number required to be screened using a CIMH/MHST or MAT referral.
- (8) Number of children with positive screens is defined as the number of children determined to be in need of a mental health assessment because of a positive CIMH/MHST or MAT referral.
- (9) Rate of children with positive screens is defined as the percent of children with positive screens out of the total number of children screened.
- (10) Number of children for whom consent for mental health services is declined is defined as the number of children for whom consent for mental health services is declined by the parent/legal guardian, the court, and/or a youth age 12 years and older.
- (11) Number of children with positive screens determined to be EPSDT-eligible is defined as the number of children identified to be in need of a mental health assessment determined to be insured through the Federal Medicaid, Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program.
- (12) Number of children with positive screens determined to be privately insured is defined as the number of children identified to be in need of a mental health assessment and who are privately insured (Kaiser, Blue Cross, etc.).
- (13) Number of children referred for mental health services is defined as the number of children referred for mental health services through all DMH and non-DMH funded programs including MAT, Wraparound, DMH directly operated clinics, other DMH contracted providers, as well as services offered through private insurance, DCFS funded programs or any other type of appropriate mental health provider/program. Additionally, the number of children requiring referral for mental health services may be reduced by the number of children in cases that were closed, by the number of runaway/abducted children or by the number of children for whom consent for mental health services was denied in the 60 day period.
- (14) Number of days between screening and referral to mental health provider is defined as the average number of

calendar days between a positive CIMH/MHST or MAT referral and the referral to a mental health provider.

(15) Rate of referral is defined as the percent of children referred to a mental health provider out of the total number with a positive CIMH/MHST or MAT referral.

(16) Number of children accessing services is defined as the number of children referred by DCFS, based upon a positive mental health screening, who subsequently receive a mental health service, including such services as assessment, treatment, case management, consultation, etc. Additionally, the number of children required to receive mental health services may be reduced by the number of children in cases that were closed, by the number of runaway/abducted children or by the number of children for whom consent for mental health services was revoked in the 90 day period.

(17) Number of days between referral for mental health services and the provision of a mental health activity is defined as the average number of calendar days between referral for mental health services and the provision of a mental health service activity.

(18) Rate of mental health services is defined as the percent of children who receive a mental health service activity out of the total referred from DCFS.