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ALBERTA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

... Advancing Mental Health

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Working with Alberta Health and Wellness, regional health authorities as well as other ministries and stakeholders, the Information Management team collects, analyzes and disseminates mental health information.

Key activities of this area include:

Information Planning

Liaising with provincial and regional stakeholders to establish Minimum Reporting Data Standards and promoting an understanding of information needs for both internal and external stakeholders in mental health. An example of this type of activity is a *Strategic Data Assessment* that was completed in 2005. This assessment identified the types of information and analysis required to support the direction and recommendations of the *Provincial Mental Health Plan (2004)*.

Evaluation: Performance Measurement of the Mental Health System

By collaborating with partners within and beyond Alberta, a framework for evaluating the overall mental health system has been created. This framework is continually refined based on input from expert consultation and literature reviews. The framework is based on the *Health Quality Matrix* used by Alberta Health & Wellness and the Health Quality Council for Alberta, and is consistent with the overall indicator framework created by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (2004). Objectives, measures and indicators have been created for each of the six domains. This framework is being used to guide evaluation activities and to drive future information collection initiatives.

Data Analysis Services

Assisting regional health authorities, Alberta Health and Wellness and other stakeholders to analyze, interpret and report mental health information.

Standards

Establishing and maintaining links with relevant parties (Alberta Health and Wellness, Canadian Institute for Health Information, Statistics Canada) to develop data standards for mental health.

Collaboration

Working collaboratively with various regional, provincial and national stakeholders, the Information Management team also participates in:

- Developing costing methodologies;
- Developing statistical regional profiles related to mental health service;
- Assisting regions in strategic planning and evaluation activities; and
- Participating in the Funding Methodology Working Group.

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