

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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RE: VSH Utilization by CRT Clients: FY1999-2009

This brief report provides information on the proportion of all Vermont State Hospital (VSH) patient days that were for individuals on the caseload of Vermont's Community Rehabilitation and Treatment (CRT) programs for adults with serious mental illness during fiscal years 1999 through 2009. This report was prepared in response to a request from Michael Hartman, Vermont's Commissioner of Mental Health, following our December 4, 2009 report regarding the proportion of CRT clients who were hospitalized in VSH during this same time period.

This report is based on analysis of extracts from the VSH patient database and extracts from the Vermont Department of Mental Health Monthly Service Report database. Direct record linkage was used to determine the number of VSH patients who also received CRT services during each fiscal year.

As you will see, more than half of VSH patient days were used by CRT clients during each fiscal year from 1999 through 2009. The proportion of patient days used by CRT clients, however, decreased substantially during the study period, from greater than 66% during the first four years of the study period to less than 58% during the last three years of the study period.

We look forward to your questions and comments about these findings, and your suggestions for further analyses of data regarding inpatient treatment in Vermont. As always, we can be reached at pip@vdh.state.vt.us or 802-241-4049.

