

CALOMS Update

Message from Michael S. Cunningham, Deputy Director, Program Services Division

On behalf of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP), we wish to express our sincere appreciation for the dedication and commitment that counties and providers have shown in initiating the California Outcomes Measurement System (CalOMS). For a long time now, we've known the value of outcome data. Initially, outcome data helped us accomplish our goals. Today, with increasing competition for resources and public demand for accountability, outcome data will be necessary to demonstrate the value of treatment. In addition, outcome data will identify best practices and it will help us improve our services.

This newsletter is the first of many that we will use to update you on our progress, inform you of upcoming events, and, in general, improve our communication with one another.

Your willingness to assist ADP to ensure a successful CalOMS is appreciated. I look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts on this important initiative.

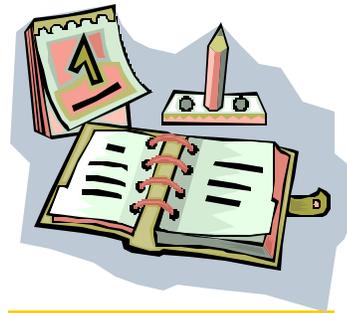
Treatment and Prevention Divisions Unite

ADP's goal is to develop and maintain a comprehensive statewide prevention and treatment system to prevent, treat, and reduce alcohol and other drug addiction and related problems, and improve the health and safety of the citizens of California. To this end, ADP's Program Operations Division and Prevention Divisions recently were combined, along with the Office of Problem Gambling and Governor's Mentoring Partnership to form the Program Services Division.

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Upcoming Events

OMP Implementation
Workgroup Meeting,
March 11, 2005

Treatment Sub-Workgroup
Meeting, March 16, 2005

Counties interested in forming a consortium to adopt WITS software for CalOMS requirements are holding a weekly conference call, Thursday's 8:00-8:30 am. Please contact Tom Renfree at Tom@SLGS.org for more details.

Clear Communication is Critical

To ensure a smooth transition to the new system, the CalOMS Team is committed to providing clear communication with project stakeholders affiliated with CalOMS.

Our goal is to promote collaboration and develop dialogue between ADP, counties and providers. In order to communicate more efficiently, we have developed a number of liaison tools including the CalOMS website, newsletter, and CalOMS Help link. The CalOMS website is our primary communication tool and is maintained with the latest information.

[Visit the CalOMS website](#)

Dates for Collecting CalOMS Data:

Treatment - January 1, 2006

Prevention - July 1, 2006