



Tāku Reo, Tāku Mauri Ora
My Voice, My Life

Developing a Self-Assessed Consumer
Outcome Measure for Aotearoa/New Zealand

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Case Consulting is pleased to be the host institution for the three year project to develop a psychometrically sound self-assessed standard measure of outcome for routine use by consumers/tāngata whai ora of mental health services in New Zealand. Once developed, it is intended that the measure will be implemented through the national mental health outcomes initiative (MH-SMART).

Please note that this is the seventh up-date on the progress of this project. If you wish to receive the previous up-dates please get in touch with us and we will forward them on to you.

Progress Report

From October to December 2007, we re-tested the revised 80 item measure through three services including a Kaupapa Māori service, an acute in-patient service, and a community mental health service. Consumers/tāngata whāi ora were invited to participate in the testing of the revised measure. There has been steady interest and commitment to the re-testing by consumers/tāngata whāi ora in each of the three services. The re-testing will continue throughout January 2008 up until the end of March.

The re-testing information gathered through the testing of the revised measure will be analysed in respect of reliability, validity, acceptability and sensitivity to change. Based on the information gathered through this analysis, the revised measure will be fine tuned and normative data will be developed for the purpose of interpreting the results generated through the measure.

In December 2007, we were informed that our abstract to present at the 13th National Health Outcomes Conference in Canberra was accepted. The conference "Health Outcomes 2008 Facilitating Knowledge Exchange and Transfer for a Dynamic Future" will be held on 29 April- 1 May 2008.

Please feel free to distribute this information to anyone you think may be interested in this project. We prepare and distribute a progress report every three months. If you would like receive a copy of this document directly please send your contact details through to Sarah O'Connor: saraho@caseconsulting.co.nz.