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## Dear Tribal Leader:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is committed to reducing burden related to grant performance data collection and reporting. To achieve this goal, SAMHSA has been working to modify its *Client-level Government Performance Results Act* (*GPRA*) instrument for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and the *Client-level National Outcomes Measures* (*NOMs*) instrument for the Center for Mental Health Services. The new combined tool is called the SAMHSA Unified Performance Reporting Tool (SUPRT). On February 29, 2024, and March 5, 2024, SAMHSA held listening sessions with Tribes, Tribal organizations, and evaluators to better understand areas for burden reduction while ensuring equity and accuracy in the final tool. During these listening sessions, SAMHSA posed the following questions:

- What should SAMHSA consider as we prioritize decreased burden and high-quality data?
- How can collecting and reporting client-level data be streamlined to enhance efficiency?
- Which questions are most valuable for meeting your data collection requirements?
- In what ways are you leveraging the data acquired from your SAMHSA grants to enhance and evaluate your programs? If not, what are the constraints preventing its utilization?

We are excited to relay that the link to the 60-day federal register notice (FRN) has been published and can be found **HERE**. The FRN is an opportunity for stakeholders to provide comments on the SUPRT and burden estimates associated with the use of the tool. Please send comments to the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15E45, Rockville, Maryland 20857, *OR* email a copy to *samhsapra@samhsa.hhs.gov*. The draft tool can be found at: <a href="https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/gpra-measurement-tools">https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/gpra-measurement-tools</a>. Written comments should be received by October 15, 2024.

SAMHSA remains committed to improving Tribal behavioral health and continues to honor the government-to-government relationship. If you have any questions about Tribal behavioral health, please contact the SAMHSA Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy (OTAP) at otap@samhsa.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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