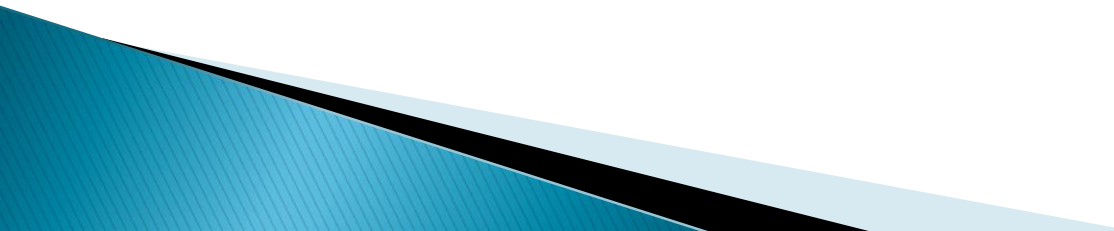


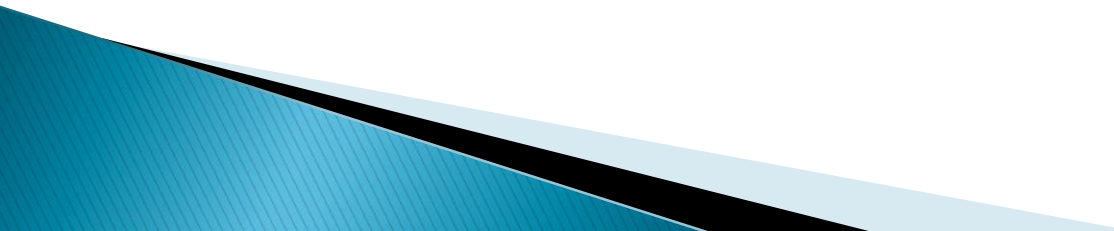
Evolution of Federal Definitions for Adults with Serious Mental Illness: A 60 Year Perspective

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Key Feedback Principles

- ▶ Definitions have kept abreast of the evolution of the mental health research and services world.
 - ▶ Definitions have had major impact upon our perception of the services field and on the focus of related services research.
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Key Concepts

- ▶ Prevalence –Total Cases for a Defined Period (usually a year)
 - ▶ Incidence –New Cases for a Defined Period (usually a year)
 - ▶ Treated Prevalence – Total Cases Under Care
 - ▶ Community Prevalence – Total Cases (Community + Under Care)
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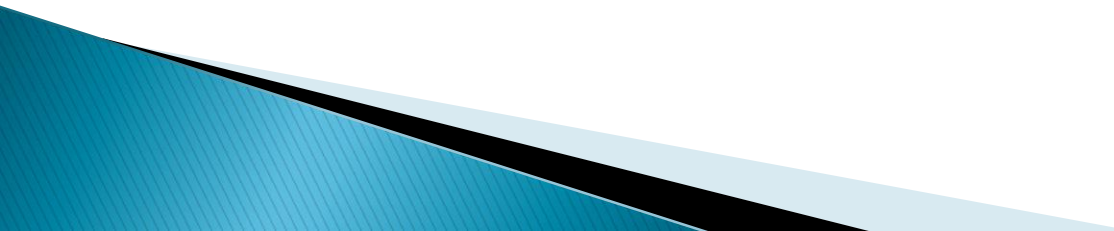
Evolution of Definitions –1

- ▶ 1950s –1970s: DIAGNOSIS
 - Treated Prevalence
 - By Diagnoses
 - Number Treated/Population
- ▶ 1980s: DIAGNOSIS – DISABILITY – DURATION
 - Community Prevalence
 - Adults with a “Serious and Persistent Mental Illness” (SPMI)
 - 5 Disorders + GAS = 50 or less + 1 year
 - Prevalence = 2.8 % of adults

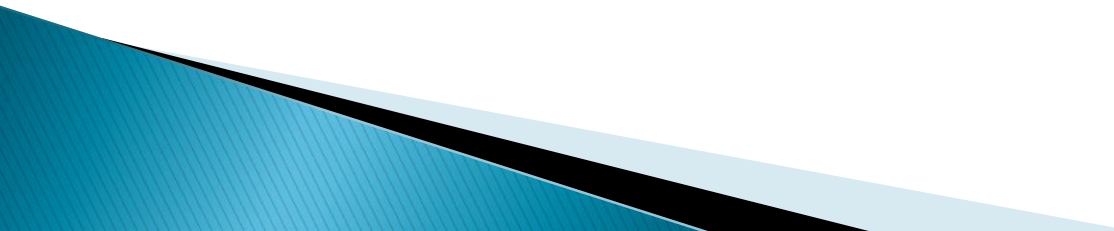
Evolution of Definitions – 2

- ▶ 1990s: DIAGNOSIS – DISABILITY
 - Community Prevalence
 - Adults with a “Serious Mental Illness” (SMI)
 - Any Disorder + GAS = 60 or less
 - Prevalence: 5.8% of Adult Population
- ▶ 2000s: Proxy Measures
 - Serious Psychological Distress and WHO Disability Assessment Scale as indicator of SMI
 - SMI Equivalent to a GAS of 50 or less
 - Prevalence: 4% of Adult Population

Reasonable Future Assumptions

- ▶ Era of Large Scale Epidemiological Surveys, with research diagnostic criteria, is likely over (ECA; NCS; NCS-2).
 - ▶ Era of complete Electronic Health Records (EHR) for everyone is under development.
 - ▶ When the EHR world is in place, federal surveys will likely be replaced by person and time sampling of EHR data.
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Substantive Focus in the Future

- ▶ We are in transition from deficit-based measures to strength-based measures (see CDC *Preventing Chronic Disease* January 2010).
 - ▶ Thus , work done by the Committee might consider this transition.
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Some Future Considerations

- ▶ IOM Vital Signs: Core Metrics for Health and Health Care Progress
- ▶ CDC Wellbeing (Physical, Mental, and Social Wellbeing)

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