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This Data Trends News brief alerts you to the following report: The Road Ahead: Research Partnerships to Transform Services (a report by the National Advisory Mental Health Council’s Workgroup on Services and Clinical Epidemiology Research (May 12, 2006) HTTP://www.nimh.nih.gov/council/TheRoadAhead.pdf

“The mission of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is to reduce the burden of mental illness and behavioral disorders through research on mind, brain, and behavior. And it is through NIMH’s research that this report strives to foster evidence-based interventions that are financially feasible, effective, available, and acceptable to persons living with mental disorders from diverse populations.” (p. 4) This report addresses the following questions:

• What mental health services and clinical epidemiology research is NIMH currently supporting and what new areas should be developed?
• What research opportunities exist to affect mental health policy and care that will ultimately reduce the burden of mental illness?
• Where does NIMH have traction to make a difference through research, including collaborative opportunities with other communities and agencies?” (p. 6).

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