

## 42 U.S. Code § 290aa-0

## National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory

## (a) In general

There shall be established within the Administration a National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory (referred to in this section as the "Laboratory").

## (b) Responsibilities

The Laboratory shall—

- (1) continue to carry out the authorities and activities that were in effect for the Office of Policy, Planning, and Innovation as such Office existed prior to December 13, 2016;
- (2) identify, coordinate, and facilitate the implementation of policy changes likely to have a significant effect on mental health, mental illness, recovery supports, and the prevention and treatment of substance use disorder services;
- (3) work with the Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality to collect, as appropriate, information from grantees under programs operated by the Administration in order to evaluate and disseminate information on evidence-based practices, including culturally and linguistically appropriate services, as appropriate, and service delivery models;
- (4) provide leadership in identifying and coordinating policies and programs, including evidence-based programs, related to mental and substance use disorders;

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