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### **NACBHDD and NARMH Joint Press Release Embargoed Until 8 AM EDT, April 17, 2018**

## ***“DRIVING DEPRESSION CARE FORWARD BY OPTIMIZING QUALITY MEASURES” NEW REPORT RELEASED TODAY***

**NACBHDD and NARMH are very pleased to announce the release of an important new report, *“Driving Depression Care Forward by Optimizing Quality Measures”*. This report was published by Leavitt Partners in collaboration with Takeda Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc. and Lundbeck.**

**“This brief takes important new steps forward in our work on outcome measurement,” according to Ron Manderscheid, PhD, Executive Director of NACBHDD and NARMH. “In an innovative approach, it links structural prerequisites with service outcomes, thus explicitly recognizing that one can only expect strong outcomes when structural prerequisites are in place.”**

**For a considerable period, the behavioral health field has had difficulty agreeing upon an approach to outcome assessment, and then implementing a common set of measures to improve care delivery. Resolving this dilemma is becoming ever more urgent as the health field moves toward value-based purchasing which ties payment rates to outcomes achieved.**

**“Breakthroughs of this type are essential if behavioral healthcare is to remain competitive in the era of value-based purchasing” Manderscheid noted. “We commend Leavitt Partners, Takeda, and Lundbeck for undertaking this important effort.”**

**Link to Brief: <https://leavittpartners.com/2018/04/driving-depression-care-forward-by-optimizing-quality-measures/>**

**Link to Leavitt Partners Press Release:**

<https://leavittpartners.com/2018/04/leavitt-partners-releases-white-paper-driving-depression-care-forward-by-optimizing-quality-measures/>

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