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Dr. Joseph Parks, III  
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Dear Dr. Parks:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, to testify at the hearing entitled "Examining SAMHSA's Role in Delivering Services to the Severely Mentally Ill."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions by the close of business on Thursday, June 20, 2013. Your responses should be e-mailed to the Legislative Clerk in Word format at [brittany.havens@mail.house.gov](mailto:brittany.havens@mail.house.gov) and mailed to Brittany Havens, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Tim Murphy  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment

## Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

### The Honorable Henry A. Waxman

1. Can you explain how SAMHSA's Co-Occurring State Incentive Grants (COSIG) helped your state improve the ability of community mental health centers and substance abuse treatment agencies to promptly and effectively serve people who have both mental illness and substance abuse conditions simultaneously? Is this program still in effect? What steps can Congress take?
2. How do you anticipate the Affordable Care Act will impact services for people living with mental illness in your state?
3. In 2008, the Mental Health Parity Addiction and Equity Act was enacted. Many of the Committee members co-sponsored and voted for this legislation. How does the mental health parity law impact people living with mental illness in your state?
4. Dr. Parks, what next steps can Congress take to provide the best treatment for those living with mental health issues?
5. What is the value of the HIPAA law? Why is patient privacy important with regard to treating those with mental illnesses?
6. Can you explain how HIPAA is impacting the coordination of care among mental health care providers?
7. HIPAA allows disclosures to share and discuss medical information with family, friends, and individuals involved with a patient's care in appropriate circumstances. Have you encountered health care providers taking an inappropriately restrictive interpretation of HIPAA privacy rules?
8. Do you have any suggestions on how we can address the problems with the mistaken way HIPAA is often applied?