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developing a comprehensive treatment program for this underserved population. This program will have significant community and public health implications by reducing recidivism, and making a safer and more productive Texas. Additionally, the model contained in this grant has great potential as a replicable model for probation departments across the state and nation. As of August 1, 2010, over 2,000 probationers have been screened by the tool. Additionally, the Tarrant County Community Supervisions and Corrections Department (CSCD) has decided to move some of the computer units to the intake portion of the probation experience for all probationers. We will also be surveying the court officers in addition to the Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors about their experiences with their survey report card and the impact of the survey on their assessment. (PIs: R Cardarelli & C Mann; Funded by: the Meadows Foundation and the Byrne Foundation)

The Tachygraphic Color-Organized Medication System Study (TCOM)

The Tachygraphic Color-Organized Medication System (TCOM) Study seeks to provide a tachygraphic color organized system aimed at reducing medication errors. This system will provide a set of medication symbols that will improve a patient's ability to more rapidly and accurately identify their medications. The long term goal of this study is to reduce medication errors by incorporating a visual aid onto medication bottles as an adjunct to

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by incorporating a visual aid onto medication bottles as an adjunct to current national multidisciplinary efforts. The TCOM study will be conducted in two phases: focus groups and a pre-post test. During the focus groups, participants will provide feedback on the preliminary medication symbol system for the 16 different medication classifications (Phase 1). Once these symbols are further refined based on the qualitative data of the focus groups, they will be tested for accuracy in correctly identifying medications, their purpose, and dosing information (Phase 2). (PIs: R Cardarelli & C Mann; Funded by: the American Academy of Family Physicians)

Knowledge, Attitudes, and Beliefs about Fibromyalgia

The purpose of this study is to conduct a performance improvement activity among NorTex clinician members on fibromyalgia. The study includes three phases. During Phase I, physicians were surveyed about their knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about fibromyalgia. A chart review has been conducted to determine physician practices for diagnosing and treating fibromyalgia. During Phase II, physicians received information about fibromyalgia specific to the results of their survey and chart reviews. Materials were provided by the Professional and Continuing Education (PACE) office including live, interactive workshops, flow sheets or diagnosis/treatment algorithms or diagrams, online CE activities, and printed CE activities. *(Continued next page)*