



Town Hall Meeting Conference Call

April 14, 2010 3:30-5 p.m. EDT

Led by:

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Connecticut	Wendy Wheeler	New Hampshire	Janet Houston
Delaware	Marie Renzi	New Mexico	Linda Warren
Georgia	Tracie Al'Belar	New York	Martha Gohlke
Hawaii	Dwayne Lopes	North Dakota	Kelli Rice
Idaho	Rachael Alter	Ohio	Joe Stack
Indiana	Gurinder Hohl	Oregon	Philip Engle
Kansas	Sarah House	Tennessee	Rhonda Phillippi
Kentucky	Tom Taylor	Texas	Anthony Gilchrest
Louisiana	Debbie Huffman	Utah	Hannah Stream
Maryland	Cyndy Wright-Johnson	Virginia	Dave Edwards
Michigan	Linda Nesbit	Washington	Scott Hogan

Federal Staff: Tina Turgel and Mickey Reynolds

NEDARC Staff: Mike Ely and Kent Page

NRC Staff: Karen Belli, Diana Fendya, Gayathri Jayawardena, Theresa Morrison-Quinata and Ian Weston



Policy Update, provided by Karen Belli

President Obama released his budget request for fiscal year 2011 in February of this year, which included level funding of \$21.5 million for the EMSC Program. Next, Congress will begin the federal appropriations process in late spring or early summer.

In March, EMSC reauthorization was signed into law as part of HR 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Specifically, the bill reauthorizes the Program for the next five years, from fiscal year 2010 to fiscal year 2014. The law also authorizes \$25 million for the Program in Fiscal Year 2010 and \$30.4 million dollars for fiscal year 2011. A brief explanation of authorization and appropriations was provided to those participating in the conference call. "Authorization" gives a program authority to function and recommends a funding amount for the program; "appropriations" provides the actual funding for a program. A major change as a result of this bill is that grant cycles will change from 3 years with an optional 4th year to 4 years with an optional 5th year

NEDARC Update, provided by Mike Ely

A more focused method of data collection is planned for the upcoming 2010-2011 grant year for PM71, 72, 73, 76 and 77. Unless a grantee has received an exemption or been acknowledged by the Program for having met the performance measures, all grantees will be expected to collect data on these measures. Grantees that have been exempted from data collection for specific measures, or acknowledged as having met measure(s) must have a letter or letters of exemption and/or acknowledgement from HRSA. Please contact your NRC representative for questions or further clarification.

NEDARC will be offering grantees a selection of workshops focused on improving data collection and dissemination of survey results. Please refer to the NEDARC website at www.nedarc.org/nedarc/.../upcomingWorkshops.jsp for details regarding the workshops.

EMSC Program Meeting Update, provided by Ian Weston

The Program Meeting details were shared with participants. The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 25, 2010 – Thursday, May 27, 2010 in Bethesda, Maryland.

Tuesday will be a half-day that will start at 2pm with an Advocacy pre-conference. The pre-conference will focus on helpful strategies to influence the policy process at both the state and federal level. It will not focus on performance measures, re-authorization, or appropriations specifically. The pre-conference will include a panel of presenters to include an EMSC grantee, FAN member, health staffer and a representative from a medical/academic institution. An opportunity for questions and answers will follow. The session will conclude with an interactive training session in which participants will have an opportunity to host and conduct a meeting with a Federal legislator. We encourage everyone to sign up for this very general session.

Wednesday will be a full day inclusive of Program updates and formal presentations.

Thursday will be a half-day, which will culminate with the awarding of this year's EMSC Heroes' awards. The Program will end by 12 noon.

The preliminary program is available on the EMSC website.

The NASEMSO Council meetings will take place on the same week on Monday and Tuesday from 9AM-5PM. This will include the EMSC or Pediatric Care Council meeting. All EMSC grantees are encouraged to attend as an introduction to performance measure changes will be reviewed by 2 of the EMSC Performance Measure Committee consultants. Input will be sought from grantees on proposed changes that are to be implemented at the end of 2012. Proposed changes will also be introduced during the plenary session at 8AM on Wednesday morning. Grantees will be encouraged to provide comments on the new performances measures for further consideration by the Program.

Submitting a Carryover Request and EMSC Performance Reports in the EHB, presented by Ian Weston

PowerPoint presentations for both presentations may be found on the EMSC website by going to the "For Grantees" section and clicking on Grants Management. You may also go directly to this page by visiting the clicking on the following weblink:

http://www.childrensnational.org/EMSC/ForGrantees/GrantsManagement/Using_Funds.aspx.

Important concepts reviewed included:

- The FFR425, formerly known as Financial Status Report (FSR269), should be completed by the state accounting department and submitted to HRSA prior to May 30th.
- Once the FFR has been received, the grantee should be notified by the EHB of its submission. At this time the grantee should submit a formal request for carry over of funds as well as a budget justification for use of the carry over funds.
- It is very important that the amount requested for carry over be the same as the FFR425 total of unobligated funds.
- For technical assistance please call or e-mail 877-464-4772 or callcenter@hrsa.gov.
- **Performance reports are coming due** as a requirement of the grant. You must log into the EHB in order to complete the performance report (this includes financial forms, project abstracts, grant summary and performance measures).

Additional Announcements:

- Annual EMSC Day will be May 19th. The 2010 National EMSC Day Toolkit is now available for download on our website.
- The next Town Hall Conference Call is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, 3:30-5pm EDT.

Grantee Questions and Answers:

Q: Has anything changed from last year, as far as the layout for requests for Carry Over or Progress Reports?

A: Instead of submitting a carryover request directly to Tina or Mickey, all requests are to be submitted through the EHB. Performance reports must also be completed in EHB as outlined in the slides. The FFR is still due 90 days after the grant has expired.

Q: Does the DGIS training tutorial address the performance report?

A: Yes, and it is recommended that grantees review the tutorial prior to submitting reports. The training should not take more than 10-20 minutes.

Q: How will new legislation affect states as grant cycles change from 3 years with an optional 4th year, and 4 years with an optional 5th year.

A: Current grants will not be affected but that may change next year. The Program is uncertain as to when the changes will go into effect. Presently all grants are working in a 6 year grant cycle.

Q: Will the grantees on the odd year change to be on the same grant year as most EMSC grantees are on right now?

A: No, not at this time. Each state grantee will remain in their current cycle, 1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year, and 4th year. The Program anticipates that each EMSC grantee will be eligible to go into a 6-year grant cycle. This is subject to change however.

Q: Will the advocacy pre-conference interfere with the NASEMSO Council meetings?

A: The pre-conference will begin at 2pm.

Q: Is there a registration fee for NASEMSO?

A: Yes, there is a fee for the NASEMSO meeting and council meetings but there is no fee for the EMSC Program Meeting.

Q. Recently two new HRSA job announcements have been made for the EMSC program – can you share what these two new positions will be doing for the program?

A. The two job announcements closed on April 12th. The positions are going to serve as support for both the SP and TI EMSC Program. The bureau is looking at the current structure and may restructure the program with additional support. With the new health care reform bill being passed additional work may be dispersed through all the programs under the bureau.