

EMSC Program
State Partnership Grantee Town Hall Conference Call
January 24, 2011
2:00pm eastern time

Topics of Discussion

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1. MCHB DGIS EMSC Performance Measures

In addition to the EMSC Performance Measures (71-80), the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Discretionary Grant Information System (DGIS) has assigned 5 performance measures to the EMSC Grant Program. A training webinar will be held shortly to explain in detail each of the MCHB DGIS EMSC performance measures and Program expectations.

Number	Performance Measures Title
PM07	The degree to which MCHB-funded programs ensure family, youth, and consumer participation in program and policy activities.
PM10	The degree to which MCHB-funded programs have incorporated cultural and linguistic competence elements into their policies, guidelines, contracts, and training.
PM24	The degree to which MCHB-funded initiatives contribute to infrastructure development through core public health assessment, policy development and assurance functions.
PM33	The degree to which MCHB-funded initiatives work to promote sustainability of their programs or initiatives beyond the life of MCHB funding.
PM41	The degree to which grantees have assisted in developing, supporting, and promoting medical homes for MCH populations.

More details added: The MCHB DGIS collects program and performance measure data for more than 900 grants annually. These data help MCHB assess the effectiveness of its programs and help project officers monitor the progress made under these grants. MCHB discretionary grants help to ensure that quality health care is available to the maternal and child health (MCH) population, which includes all of the nation's women, infants, children, adolescents, and their families, including fathers and children with special health care needs. Visit the MCHB DGIS web site at <https://perfdata.hrsa.gov/MCHB/DGISReports/>.

2. EMSC Webinars

In addition to the Webinar mentioned in item number 1, additional Training and Educational Webinars are being planned this year. More information will be announced and posted on the EMSC NRC website as soon as details are final.

3. Consultant/Grantee Recommendations on the EMSC PM

The consultant and grantee recommendations still have not been approved.

4. NEDARC Update

We are extremely excited to announce that the average response rate for EMSC state partnership grantees was 86% for EMS and 80% for hospitals. This is really great work and we appreciate all the work you have done in a short period of time to achieve these response rate results. Good Job!

- 52 surveys were EMS-based with 27 already closed and completed
- 42 surveys were hospital-based and about half of those surveys are also closed.
 - o 2 are still open and exceeding the 80% response rate target.
 - o 4 are approaching an 80% response rate.
- NEDARC Workshops for 2011 are posted on our website.
 - o April 5-7, 2011 - San Francisco, California is set and as soon as the hotel is confirmed, we will announce the specific location.
 - o Other dates for the 2011 workshop will be posted as soon as the hotel contracts are finalized.

5. NRC Update

Happy New Year to everyone!

- New stories will be featured on FAN members. A request was sent to the family representatives in your state seeking updates from them on what's been happening in their state. We'd like to seek your support as the state EMSC program managers to encourage your family representatives to submit their stories to us to share with the EMSC community.

- The FAN listserv has been updated. Please double check with your FAN representative that they are receiving communications from the NRC regularly and that they have registered on our website.
- If you have any products, resources and newsletters, send them to our office to include in the EMSC database and to showcase your projects to the EMSC community.
- A social media tool is currently being developed and will be showcased at the Program Manager's meeting.
- An Online Advocacy Course is being developed for State Partnership Managers and FAN members. We look forward to completing this project and announcing the completion and availability of the course to the EMSC community. The Course will highlight advocacy and legislative processes and will show case a mock visit with a legislative official.
- We are partnering with the American Trauma Society this year. Electronic media items will be posted on our website as soon as they are available.

6. EMSC Legislative Update

On January 19, the House of Representatives approved H.R. 2, legislation to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, by a vote of 245-189. As you might be aware, EMSC reauthorization was included in the Act. Therefore, if H.R. 2 were to be approved by the Senate and signed into law by the President, this bill would repeal EMSC reauthorization. It is, however, improbable that H.R. 2 will become law. The U.S. Senate, still controlled by a Democratic majority, does not plan to debate and vote on the measure. Many believe that the House Republican leadership is aware that the bill is unlikely to become law and took a symbolic vote to publicly note their opposition to the law. The House Republican leadership is exploring other tactics to stop more controversial provisions of the law, as opposed to repealing the law in its entirety. For example, they may deny funding for implementation of certain provisions of the law. These tactics are less likely to affect EMSC reauthorization and appropriations. At this time, EMSC anticipates the Program will remain authorized.

7. Notice of Grant Award Release

Overall all 2011 submissions were received successfully. We are hoping to be able to release the Notice of Grant Awards to those that provided all the required information and details as requested by 3/1/2011.

8. General Questions

Question: The Non-Competing Continuation required grantees to budget for a Workshop at the NRC; when will this occur?

Answer: The NRC anticipates having the workshop between July 2011 to June 2012. One of the workshops is the Program Manager's meeting.

9. Dates of Future Town Hall Conference Calls

Future conference calls are scheduled at 2:00pm eastern time on: April 6, 2011, July 25, 2011, and October 12, 2011.