

Special Town Hall Meeting Conference Call

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Led by:

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STATE ATTENDEES:

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Louisiana, Debbie Huffman

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Oregon, Philip Engle
South Dakota, Dave Boer & Amy Marsh
Tennessee, Rhonda Philippi
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Dan Kavanaugh began with an explanation as to the transition of roles and responsibilities between HRSA and the NRC. For many years, the EMSC Program has only had 1 to 2 staff members at HRSA. The new health reform law has allowed the EMSC Program at HRSA to hire more employees. The EMSC Program now has 3 new employees who will be dedicated to the State Partnership Program and an additional new person will be hired to manage the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN). As a result, HRSA can provide greater assistance to grantees. Two of these new employees beginning at HRSA were hired directly from the NRC this past month, Jocelyn Hulbert and Theresa Morrison-Quinata. Yolanda Baker, who will be transferring from MCHB as the third addition to HRSA, was introduced during the conference call. Therefore, work that the NRC was previously doing related to the State Partnership Program will be transferred to HRSA to be handled by Tina Turgel, Jocelyn Hulbert, Therese Morrison-Quinata, and Yolanda Baker.

The NRC will continue to provide assistance to targeted issues and PECARN grantees but will

use the effort previously for state partnership grantees into other areas.

The call continued with Ian Weston explaining the new roles and responsibilities for HRSA:

1) Work currently conducted by the NRC to be “insourced” to staff at HRSA

a. Technical Assistance to States/Territories

1. Monthly contact with States/Territories to provide technical assistance.
2. Answering queries from States/Territories related to strategic planning and performance measure implementation
3. Conducting town hall or other conference calls for state partnership grantees to discuss general comments/announcements
4. Assist States/Territories with on coordinating with NEDARC on technical assistance and data collection
5. Assistance with EHB entries
6. Assistance with grants management (carryover, response to conditions, performance reports, etc.)
7. Assistance to EMSC /HRSA Regions
 - HRSA will participate in regional calls/meetings
 - Assistance related to regional strategic planning
8. State Site visits: HRSA will take responsibility for all aspects of State/Territory site visits including:
 - Agenda Planning
 - Presentation/Visit Preparation
 - Site Visit Report Production
 - Follow up on recommendations and assistance with strategic planning
 - One on one meetings with State Managers

b. Resource Development

1. Resource(s) development on all Performance Measure related topics. Examples include:
 - Performance Measure/Grantee Best Practices Guide (& Annual Updates)
 - New Manager Orientation (& Periodic updates to related resources)
 - EHB guide on entering PM data

c. Performance Measure Development

1. Approval of "Revised" measures for implementation starting in 2012
2. Revised Implementation Manual for 2012
3. Other dissemination materials related to performance measures for 2012

d. Mentoring Program for state partnership grantees

2) State Partnership Work to continue at the NRC

a. The NRC will continue to provide consultation on topic specific issues to HRSA. These include:

1. Inter-facility Transfer Guidelines/Agreements & Facility Recognition
 - Diana Fendya will act as a 50% consultant to HRSA to assist HRSA staff with helping states develop/improve Inter-facility Transfer Guidelines/Agreements & Facility Recognition and help States with facility recognition programs.
2. Legislation/Regulations
 - Karen Belli will act as a 20% consultant to HRSA to assist HRSA staff with working with states to develop/improve legislation and regulations.

b. FAN Network

1. The NRC will continue to manage the FAN conference calls and listservs.

c. Maintaining and Building Partnerships with National Organizations.

1. For example, the NRC will continue the partnerships with the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) that were presented on the last townhall conference call.

d. EMSC Workshops

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e. Resource Development

1. The NRC will continue to develop resources for grantees.

Tina Turgel discussed the assignment of states to the new HRSA employees. She indicated the divisions were based around the HRSA regions. The EMSC Program encourages grantees to work within the HRSA regions because there will be additional resources at the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) for each region because of a new home visiting program. She indicated that grantees can continue to work within the previous established EMSC regions, which will now be referred to as "EMSC workgroups".

HRSA Staffing assignments are as follows:

- **Jocelyn Hulbert** (Jhulbert@hrsa.gov / 301-443-7436) will be the contact for:
 - HRSA Region I (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)
 - HRSA Region II (NJ, NY, PR, VI)
 - HRSA Region III (DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV)
 - HRSA Region VI (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX) and
 - HRSA Region X (AK, ID, OR, WA)
- **Theresa Morrison-Quinata** (tmorrison-quinata@hrsa.gov / 301-443-1527) will be the contact for:
 - HRSA Region IV (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN)
 - HRSA Region V (MN, IL, IN, MI, OH, WI)
 - HRSA Region VIII (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY)
 - HRSA Region IX (AS, AZ, CA, CNMI, GU, HI, NV)
- **Yolanda Baker** (ybaker@hrsa.gov / 301-443-6601) will be the contact for:
 - HRSA Region VII (IA, KS, MO, NE)

Questions and Answers:

- 1) Which workshops were referred to in the discussion?
 - The NRC is planning a workshop in the 2011 calendar year for state partnership grantees. Workshop ideas were presented at the last NASEMSO pediatric emergency care council meeting and since NEDARC focuses on data-related topics, the NRC will organize a workshop on the other requested topics (such as how to run effective advisory committee meetings). More information on these workshops will be coming in the next few months.
- 2) Will there still be an annual meeting?
 - There will likely be a meeting, but the details are still unclear (discussions have been

had about co-sponsorships, meetings coinciding with other national meetings, dates, budget, and size are all being considered).

- 3) Will there be additional funding to support new partnership efforts within the HRSA regions?
 - No. Collaboration is more informal and does not have additional funding currently available.
- 4) Will these changes affect interactions with Mickey Reynolds on the grants management side?
 - No.