



California Home Visiting Program Monthly Conference Call

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 14, 2013

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Participants: MCAH Directors and Coordinators of MIECHV Funded Programs

Meeting Facilitators: Laurel Cima Coates and Kristen Rogers

I. **General Updates** – Laurel Cima Coates and Kristen Rogers

- a) Client Enrollment and Implementation: As of February 14, over 700 families are enrolled. Approximately 5,100 home visits have been completed.
- b) Benchmark Reporting: All of the benchmark reporting went in on February 4, 2013. We will share the information with you as soon as HRSA has given the OK. They are compiling and aggregating by state and country.
- c) Service Provider Survey: Everyone's is in. Thank you! We are tracking this information for systems integration and will get the results out to you. A question was asked as to how sites enter new service providers. Kristen noted that not all of the sites have been trained on the process, but will receive this training at the Technical Assistance Meeting. For now, sites can contact DataHelp and we will enter the information on the back side.
- d) AFA Packet Timeline: The 2013/2014 AFA Packet will be coming your way in late March or early April. We will alert you to some revisions. There won't be as many as last year.
- e) HRSA Region IX Meeting: The meeting was the third week of January. Dr. David Willis, the new director of the MIECHV-funded program, gave a presentation. He is very interested in Home Visiting. He is a pediatrician with 30 years of practice and is interested in early childhood comprehensive systems and how to integrate with home visiting. Kristen noted that California is leading in several areas, particularly CQI and systems integration evaluation. HRSA is looking to California for further input to these areas. A question was asked about legislation and Medicaid funding for HV. Laurel noted that there was a presentation on Medicaid funding, but there wasn't any new information. Each state is doing it differently – there is not a national



perspective on how all of the states can do this. It sounds like it will initially be a state-by-state approach as opposed to a national approach.

II. Updates from the Programs and Evaluation Sections – Laurel Cima Coates and Kristen Rogers

- a) **Site Visits:** Robin Qualls and Arlene Silva announced that all site visits were completed by the end of January. They received great feedback and enjoyed hearing the client stories. Each team has compiled all of the minutes from each site. A summary of the visit and action items will be sent to sites shortly. Arlene and Robin thanked the sites for their time and mentioned that they learned a lot.
- b) **Data Site Visits:** We are planning several data site visits for some of the new NFP sites. Some of our staff have already reached out to sites. We have a list of 6-7 sites that are looking to have some more ETO database training. If other sites would like to receive this training, contact your QA team.
- c) **Policies and Procedures:** Our policies and procedures went on the website a few weeks ago. They went under review with NFP and HFA, as well as our internal review process. We are prioritizing certain topic areas. We will continue to work on them. Thank you to Karen Shevlin, Chris Borges, Julie Rooney and all of the program and evaluation staff who worked on them. If you have any questions, please let us know. We will continue to revise and update. If you see anything that needs updating or revising, or you have questions, contact your QA team.
- d) **Semi-Annual Progress Report:** The report was due February 4, 2013. We received everyone's report and are in the process of reviewing. We should have them completed before the TA Meeting, April 17-18.
- e) **Back Data & ETO:** It was stressed that all back data need to be entered into ETO as soon as possible. Some have entered through September 30, 2013. That's great! We will need to review the data a lot over the next several months. The sooner you can get it in, the better. Kristen told the sites that if they have particular issues with the data as they are cleaning data to share the information during the CQI calls. We will be teaching sites to clean their own data.
- f) **Upcoming Workgroup Call:** Chris Cantrell discussed the formation of a workgroup that will research potential opportunities for Medi-Cal funding. Anyone who wants to participate is invited. Sites will be receiving an email



that includes details, plus the call-in time and agenda.

- g) New HPS II: We have hired a new Health Program Specialist II who will be working closely with the nurses and QA teams.
- h) QA Team Change: We will now have an HFA QA Team, plus North and South QA NFP Teams. The North QA Team is Robin Qualls and the new HPS II. The South QA Team is Arlene Silva and Chris Borges. The HFA QA Team is Karen Shevlin. Evaluation teams won't change. We are working on a new map and new contact list for you. We will put it on the website and send you an email so you all know the change. We are excited to have Karen working directly with the HFA sites. This change will take place March 4, 2013

III. Training and Technical Assistance – Laurel Cima Coates and Kristen Rogers

- a) PITC Home Visiting Institute Training: February 24-March 2, 2013.
- b) NCAST Train the Trainer: February 25-March 1, 2013. Robin Qualls and Arlene Silva will be attending.
- c) Technical Assistance Meeting: April 17-18, 2013.

IV. Q & A Session – Laurel Cima Coates and Kristen Rogers

- a) A site asked about legislation going on with regard to Home Visiting. So far, we haven't heard of anything specific to Home Visiting. If something does arise, we will hear in the form of a bill analysis. The legislation piece is always difficult because we can't advocate for legislation. Nora Benavides has been working on sustainability. Note: Nora has confirmed she will share an update with sites during the March conference call.
- b) Chris Krawczyk, who is attending an offsite meeting, called in to share a few thoughts. He said he doesn't know of any Home Visiting legislation that has been introduced in this current session. He said states are starting to look at Home Visiting as part of an integrated care plan.
- c) Chris Krawczyk mentioned that MIHOPE is conducting the MIHOPE-Strong Start evaluation to look at Home Visiting birth outcomes. You do not need to be a Strong Start program to participate. MIHOPE-Strong Start will specifically focus on Home Visiting enrolled clients who receive Medicaid. The Public Comment Period for MIHOPE-Strong Start evaluation recently



- ended. If you submitted comments, please send them to Chris so he can respond to some of the inquiries he has received.
- d) Results of an evaluation sponsored by PEW on Return on Investment from Medicaid for those doing NFP. If you do a Google search for PEW NFP Return on Investment, the document will come up.
 - e) A site asked if CHVP will send support to the sites that are participating in MIHOPE training. Laurel noted that we will send one person to each training.
 - f) A few sites had logistical questions about the TA Meeting. We were unable to hold a block of rooms. One site mentioned they are staying at the Holiday Inn Express at a rate of \$105, with \$10 to park.