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Dear Stakeholders and Partners:

In the spirit of ongoing communication, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division, would like to provide the following updates regarding the California Home Visiting Program:

- The Statewide Home Visiting Needs Assessment was submitted on September 20, 2010, as required by Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) to identify California's at-risk communities in collaboration with California Department of Social Services (CDSS), California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (CDADP) and California Department of Education (CDE).

This document is posted in the MCAH Home Visiting website:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/mcah/Documents/MO-HVP-FinalCaliforniaStatewide-HV-NA.pdf>

- CDPH/MCAH still awaits the release of the final federal guidance that will assist in the selection of appropriate home visiting models for at-risk communities in California. HRSA and Administration for Children and Families (ACF) contracted with Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. which is currently reviewing HV models and rating them according to specific criteria. The results of the analysis are intended to assist in identifying which evidence-based models are eligible to provide services.
- In the meantime, MCAH has moved forward with forming an internal Home Visiting Feasibility and Model Selection Work Group which is conducting a critical review of the eight (8) national evidence based models.
- MCAH has also created the Home Visiting State Partner Collaborative (HVSPC) as a venue to solicit input from federal and state agencies in the planning and decision-making process (i.e. input in the feasibility and selection of home visiting models, for the Updated State Plan, Request for Application Process (RFA), etc).
- Additionally, a workgroup for local partners and HV experts is also being initiated to inform the state HVP on essential components constituting a quality, effective and viable home visiting program.
- The presentations and frequently asked questions (FAQs) discussed during the MCAH Action Meeting on October 20, 2010 can now be found on our Home Visiting Program website (<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/mcah/Pages/HVP-HomePage.aspx>).

Thank you for your continued partnership. If you have any questions, please contact Laurel A. Cima at [laurel.cima@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:laurel.cima@cdph.ca.gov).

Again, CDPH appreciates your time, effort and support of the California Home Visiting Program.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shabbir Ahmad', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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