

California Home Visiting Program Bi-Monthly Conference Call

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 14, 2015
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Participants: MCAH Directors and Coordinators of MIECHV Funded Programs

Meeting Facilitator: Kristen Rogers

- I. General Updates
 - a. Number enrolled and home visits completed
 - i. ETO Connect has been down since April 10th (Opening back up June 5th)
 - ii. Currently serving: 2,118 (96% capacity); Total home visits: 65,136
 - b. Home Visiting Reauthorization
 - i. House vote 392-37; Senate vote 92-8; President signed on April 15th.
 - Provides funding through September, 2017.
 - One year of funding with two years to spend it.
 - c. New FOA release in early Fall, 2015
 - i. Because of Reauthorization, CHVP will be able to continue funding levels.
 - ii. CHVP will apply for Formula and Completeive Grants.
 - iii. The new FOAs should start in March 2016.
 - iv. CHVP will pull information from the sites using the progress reports.
 - v. CHVP will not know the amount to be awarded until the FOAs come out.
 - d. State Needs Assessment for new RSI in early 2016
 - i. The last RSI was done in 2011.
 - ii. CHVP will work internally and will reach out to MCAH Action and CHEAC.
 - iii. CHVP is hoping to get this done in the next six months.
 - e. Media Inquires
 - i. Contact CHVP Program Staff
 - A Policy Alert Letter will be sent out shortly.
 - Please DO NOT contact OPA Directly. Please contact CHVP first.

- ii. CHVP will inform the Center for Family Health and then it will be forwarded to OPA.
 - CHVP will make every effort to expedite this process.
 - If you have contacted your CHVP Program Staff and you have not received a response, please contact Kristen Rogers directly and cc Karen Shevlin.
- f. Branding and Naming Home Visiting
 - i. Many states have changed their names from “home visiting.”
 - ii. HRSA conducted a survey on what the general population of the Country thought of home visiting. From the survey, home visiting had a negative association.
 - iii. This may be a future discussion for CA.
- g. Website Reconstruction
 - i. If there are any suggestions, please let CHVP know.
- h. Early Start Eligibility Reinstated
 - i. Elise Parnes stated the guidelines for early 2009 levels and therefore making eligibility more open.

II. Contract Updates

- a. Status of Contracts and CMU
 - i. Six contracts have gone out so far.
 - ii. The sooner the contracts come back from the counties the better.
 - iii. The contracts need to go through DGS after signature.

III. Program Quality Section Updates

- a. Interviewing for a Health Program Specialist (HPS) I for mental health support.
- b. Site Visits
 - i. Shasta and Siskiyou are happening in May.
 - ii. Site visits are a great opportunity and are very beneficial to CHVP staff.
 - iii. Site visits will continue through November.
- c. Policies and Procedures
 - i. CHVP has a policies and procedures workgroup that is meeting regularly.
 - ii. Policy Alert Letters will be going out on website.

IV. Data Benchmarks and Evaluation Section Updates

a. Data Breaches

- i. There have been two data breaches that have occurred from an email being sent to DataHelp.
- ii. CHVP is asking that ALL email communications sent to DataHelp be identified as secure using brackets (i.e., [secure]).
- iii. CHVP is looking into universally securing emails that come into the DataHelp inbox.
- iv. For emails that are sent secure from the counties and cannot be opened by CHVP, the CHVP staff will contact the counties by phone.
- v. CHVP is asking that this information be passed along to all staff.

b. Data Cleaning Efforts Launched

- i. Data cleaning will be kicking off next week.
- ii. This will be outlined in the next CHVP TA Alert.
- iii. This will be sent to HFA and NFP sites separately.
- iv. Please look out for emails regarding this.

V. Discussion: Open

a. Q&A Session

- i. Kern County - A member of the Board of Supervisors is writing an article about NFP. Asked the question if this needs to go through CHVP. The answer to the question was yes it does need to go through CHVP.
- ii. Kristen addresses all counties asking if they are interested in having speakers attend these conference calls or possibly having a group discussion. Counties responded yes. Two ideas for topics for the next call are resources for undocumented clients and ETO data cleaning.
- iii. Kristen announced that Dr. David Willis will be visiting LA USD & LA DPH for several hours. He would like to visit other sites whenever he visits CA. Information about this visit will be sent out in the HV Connection and/or the TA.
- iv. The next status report is due in the beginning of July. All counties should be receiving guidance by the end of May and/or beginning of June.
- v. ETO Connect being down has been announced on ETO itself and in the TA in early April.

- vi. Kristen asked if the Thursday TA's are helpful. The counties responded that they are helpful but they do not always have time to read through them. The counties expressed that they enjoy hearing about different information and available trainings.