

**Family Planning Evaluators
Conference Call**
October 17, 2005, 1.00-2.00 pm EDT

Participants

Evaluators: Janet Bronstein, Lynne Cossman, Cathy Melvin, Dave Murday, Ruth Petersen, Nancy Ross, Jeff Roth,

State Staff: Joe Holliday, Bernie Operario, Lorie Williams

Sheps Center Staff: Priscilla Guild, Julie Perry, Ellen Shanahan

Guest: Holly Felix (AR evaluator)

Not on the Call

Evaluators: Paul Buescher

State Staff: Bonnie Cox, Janet Sheridan, Cindy Thames

Sheps Center Staff: No one

Before the meeting, responses to the grid had been received from Alabama, North Carolina, and South Carolina. As the responses were discussed it became clear that types of responses desired for a number of items were still unclear. In an effort to remedy this several evaluators volunteered to take the lead on better defining some of the items.

- 1) Janet Bronstein will take the lead on further developing item 3 [Define enrollee, participant, users, etc.].
- 2) Jeff Roth will take the lead on specifying what information will be collected from each state on item 8 [Interconceptional Period].
- 3) For item 9 [fertility, pregnancy, and/or birth rates for which populations (general, Medicaid, etc.)] there was some confusion as to what we meant by the various rates. Bernie Operario will take the lead on developing how the types of outcome measures listed in item 9 will be collected from each state.
- 4) Two additional items will be added to define:
 - a) Janet Bronstein will take the lead on developing continuity of care/patient continuation rate.
 - b) Dave Murday will take the lead on developing cost/budget neutrality.

As these items are defined they will be sent to the other evaluators to attempt to collect comparable data for the five states. This can either be done by the evaluator developing the method or, if the information is sent to the Sheps Center, they will send it out.

It became clear during these discussions that a logic model might prove helpful for setting short-, mid-, and long-term objectives. Since Cathy Melvin had developed one for North Carolina she was asked to send it to the group and she did during the call.

The evaluators decided they would like to meet by telephone monthly. The regular time will be on the second Monday of the month at 1 pm ET (noon CT). The next two conference calls are scheduled for

November 14 and December 12. Each conference call should have a theme. The theme of the November call will be item 9 (outcome measures). Bernie Operario will meet with Paul Buescher to decide what information to collect from the evaluators for distribution before the call and will help lead the discussion. Future topics and discussion leaders will include:

- Logic Model (Cathy Melvin),
- Continuity of Care/ Patient Continuation Rate (Janet Bronstein),
- Interconceptional Measurement Issues (Jeff Roth),
- Who is a Client / Participant? (Janet Bronstein), and
- Budget/Cost Neutrality (Dave Murday).