

MIECHV Provider Call Agenda Annotated

2/23/2017 10:30- 11:30am

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- Welcome and “Housekeeping” (*Lesley*)
 - Put your phone on mute unless you are speaking
 - Every agency/provider needs to be email ebony.hoskin@illinois.gov and indicate they were in attendance.
 - Member of the state team in attendance:
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- Introduction of new accountant- Ofonime (*Audrey*) We would like to welcome Ofonime John who has joined the MIECHV/DHS Team as an accountant. He will be working closely with Audrey and Lydia.

- Fulfilling SFY 2017 contractual amount (*Audrey*) Some Formula grantees actual contract amounts were lower than the agreed upon amount. Amendments are in process to increase contract amounts to the full amount. We are unable to say how long this will take but happy to report the process is underway. People that are listed as the contacts on the grant should watch for amended contracts.

- Updating deliverables- *applies to formula grantees only* (*Audrey*) Deliverables for home visiting programs and Coordinated intake will be the same as last year with a few minor adjustments. There is nothing HV and CI need to do in regards to this. Other providers/partners (T and TA, IMH, Northwestern, CPRD, etc.) have been contacted to start updating last year’s deliverables. Please turn your updated deliverables into Audrey in a timely manner. Audrey emailed all those who this applies to.

- Importance of accurate directories for administrative and fiscal names (*Audrey and Lydia*) In order to ensure your contracts are processed your agency must keep us informed of any changes to your administrative and fiscal contacts. Email Lydia and Ebony and cc Audrey with any updates or changes to contacts.

- Data and Benchmarks (*Lesley*) New Data collection forms, Data Collection Manual and recorded webinars have been provided to you and are posted on our newly designed website (<http://igrowillinois.org/about-miechv/miechv-benchmarks-evaluations/>).

Form 1 report will be available in Visit Tracker March and Form 2 report in April. It is your responsibility to ensure you fully understand and are collecting data for the new benchmarks. If you are unsure you must ask. Stacey is back and can help you on an individual level but programs need to take responsibility for their own data. Once Form 1 and Form 2 are ready then there will be a compliance report built out in VT and then we will work on updating the Coordinated Intake Portion of the Visit tracker. It is also vital that your program turns in your quarterly report to Ebony on time because we use the turnover data to report to HRSA on a quarterly basis.

- MIECHV Reauthorization (*Teresa and Rose*) Over the past week, the Association of State and Tribal Home Visiting Initiative (ASTHVI) has heard good news from the House Ways & Means Committee about MIECHV reauthorization. It appears that the Majority is interested in holding a hearing on MIECHV some time in March with a potential Committee vote on a reauthorization bill in May. This is a tentative timeline subject to change, but it serves as yet another example of MIECHV's broad bipartisan support on Capitol Hill. It is still unclear how Congress will choose to pay for the program's reauthorization. It is more important now than ever to tell the story of MIECHV's impact on at-risk families. At the Ounce of Prevention, we continue to try to engage the federal legislators in site visits or office visits when they are back home in their Districts, as we find these meetings to be quite effective. Ireta Gasner and Rose Gallagher have or may reach out to you and individual programs about helping us with site visits. We are very appreciative of your help in this regard. Rose also highlighted a few other ways that the Ounce hopes to engage **you and your organizations** in our outreach efforts around MIECHV:
 - The Ounce is preparing a **sign-on letter** for Illinois non-profit organizations and MIECHV-funded home visiting programs that will be sent to the entire Illinois Congressional delegation.
 - The Ounce is creating a **webpage** on the Ounce website dedicated to MIECHV reauthorization. The webpage will house useful resources, including ways to engage with federal legislators. It is anticipated that the new webpage will be live in March.
 - The Ounce will host a **webinar** (tentatively scheduled for March 10th) about MIECHV and how one can become involved with MIECHV reauthorization efforts.
- MIECHV FFY 2017 Grant Timeline (*Teresa and Audrey*)
 - April 2017: HRSA notice of availability of formula funds for states released, along with guidance
 - June: state submissions due
 - September: latest date of formula awards

We do not know how much money will be available to us and we have been told we may be hit by sequestration although we do not know by how much. Sequestration occurs when there is no Federal budget and all Federal Programs need to take an across the board cut. We have been hit by sequestration in past years but had been able to absorb it in administration. We may not be able to continue to do this and may have to reduce programs. In past years the cut was 2-3%. Again, we do not know how much and if we will be hit for sure, but we wanted to get it on everyone's radar. Since the

feds have pushed back the release of money to the fall instead of the spring, OECD will be working with DHS to fill the gap between the end of the State Fiscal year and the beginning of the Federal fiscal year (July 1 to Oct 1). This is not something programs need to worry about and we will keep you posted.

- Coordinated Intake and Training Updates (*Kathy*)
 - Model overview webinars for CI Staff- registration link was sent out by the ounce. Also if you have not registered in the Ounce's on-line training system, please do so now.
 - March 16 is the next CI Learning Community. Contact Kathy for more information. Supervisor attendance is optional only if they are not new to MIECHV.
 - Motivational interviewing training is scheduled for March 30. It is full but the Ounce will make arrangements for you to attend if you need this training. Email Katherine.staten@illinois.gov by March 6 and she will make sure you get into the training.
 - A DCFS/EI/HV cross training is being scheduled for Southern IL- Check igrowillinois.org for more information. We want HV programs in southern IL represented.
 - An additional DCFS/EI/HV cross training will be scheduled in Central IL (Peoria, Champaign, Decatur and Springfield). Again, we would like HV programs in these areas represented. Our website will provide updates once these are scheduled.

- Questions –
 - Do we know what percentage we will be hit with for sequestration?- No, unfortunately we do not.
 - How do you know if you are a Formula Grantee- All home visiting programs and Coordinated Intake are Formula Grantees. The programs that are Doula/home visiting for MIECHV are not part of the Formula Grant.