



## Announcements

### SCN PARTICIPANT CONTRACTS

A few centers have not yet returned their contract to MPH. It is urgent that it is returned soon. The data submission deadline is May 1, 2007. To remain HIPPA compliant, MPH **cannot** accept your data until a signed contract has been received.



## Report Status

### 2005 INDIVIDUAL CENTER REPORTS

The majority of SCN participants should have received their individual center reports for 2005. Those who have not yet received a report will receive theirs in the near future.

After all the individual reports for 2005 are distributed, the SCN team will begin work on an aggregate report.

### REPORT FEEDBACK

We want to hear your thoughts about the reports we are producing for you. Our goal is to ensure they reflect your center's data accurately. Please take time to examine them and send comments or suggestions to [SCN@mph.org](mailto:SCN@mph.org).



## Site Visits

### CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK (CVHN) — SACRAMENTO, CA

The trip to California began in Madera with Central Valley Health Network (CVHN) on Monday, March 26, at the Darin M. Camarena Health Center. The SCN team of Ray Kalush and Josh Adams met with CVHN staff Tonya Robinson, Mike Hull, and David Quackenbush. CVHN is a network of 13 federally qualified health centers, with six participating in the SCN. CVHN health centers are located in 19 counties in the Central Valley that runs 450 miles from north to south and 50 miles east to west — an area of more than 45,000 square miles. It is expected that a recently created web conferencing system will encourage a closer relationship among the centers by eliminating the extensive time spent traveling. The major-

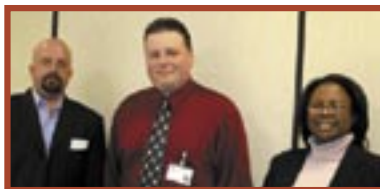
ity of patients are low income or uninsured seasonal migrant workers and immigrants from Southeast Asia.

**REMINDER**

**Submission of data from the second half of 2006 is due no later than May 1, 2007 — if your subcontract has been returned to MPH.**

CVHN advocates for their network centers for funding and other services at the State and Federal level. They participate in the AmeriCorps program, which helps finance new providers and educators, as well as giving opportunities for other community services in California. They have the only federally funded nutrition program in California that focuses primarily on health education.

The practice management system is called Megawest, which is used by five of the six centers in the SCN. The sixth center has a proprietary system being run on an AS400 machine. With no central system at this point, each of the files is collected by CVHN from the sites and then transmitted via secure FTP.



DAVID QUACKENBUSH, MIKE HULL, TONYA ROBINSON

Mike, Tonya and David find the SCN center reports interesting and have improved their 'picture' of what is going on at their centers. For more about CVHN, visit [www.cvhnclinics.org](http://www.cvhnclinics.org).

### COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER NETWORK (CHCN) — ALAMEDA, CA

On Tuesday, March 27, SCN team members Josh Adams and Ray Kalush were in Oakland at the Community Health Center Network (CHCN) to meet with Ralph Silber, Ray Otake and Rhonda Aubrey. CHCN, with their sister organization, Alameda Health Consortium, does claims process-

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ing, consultation and training, as well as advocacy work for their member centers. CHCN has 7 health centers in Alameda County and more than 40 delivery sites. Merritt is the practice management system used at 4 centers; the remaining 3 centers use Centricity, HealthPro and CompuMedic. The data from the various centers is warehoused at the CHCN offices.

CHCN described their pilot programs for the UDS quality assurance measures. These include measuring the quality and quantity of vaccinations of children and control of chronic diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure and asthma. They are incorporating a

number of data sources, such as shot registries, patient medical records and the practice management data. CHCN distributes 'report cards' to their centers. These reports highlight the centers improvements in such areas as diabetes, high blood pressure, and asthma. Since CHCN has a large proportion of Managed Care visits, these measures are part of their pay-for-performance bonuses.

Rhonda explained their methods of identifying certain chronic conditions and asked about the methodology of the data measures in the health center reports. Also discussed were ways of improving data interpretation by the SCN team. For more about CHCN, visit [www.chcn-eb.org](http://www.chcn-eb.org).



RALPH SILBER, RAY OTAKE

## Data Status

### 2006 DATA

Invoices need to be sent after each data submission. If you have not submitted an invoice, please do so as soon as possible to: Lynn Breer; Michigan Public Health Institute; 2440 Woodlake Circle, Suite 100; Okemos, MI 48864. Please reference the SCN Project Number C-38807-18.

### DENTAL SERVICES AND PROVIDER DATA

Please remember to include dental services data and provider data to ensure an accurate representation of your center.

## From the Centers

Is your center involved with a special event or project that you would like to share with other SCN participants? Do you have a question you would like to pose? Would you like help finding information? This section is your opportunity to network with other SCN members. Please send your requests/stories to [SCN@mphi.org](mailto:SCN@mphi.org) for inclusion in the next newsletter!

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