



**Announcements**

**REPORT TEMPLATE**

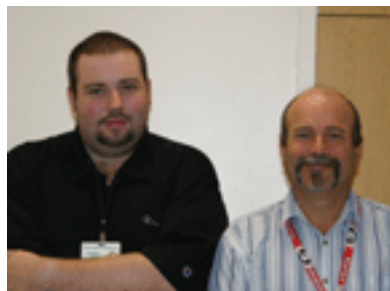
The individual center report template is currently being finalized. Development of these reports are expected to begin within the next week. Look for your center's report over the next few weeks. Following the distribution of these center-specific reports, each center will also receive a report presenting data from all SCN participants. Centers who have not completed their 2004 data submissions by **August 15, 2006**, will not receive a 2004 individual center report and may not be included in the 2004 aggregate report as well.

**SCN SITE VISITS**

- \*FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS, INC. - ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
- \*CARE SOUTH CAROLINA - HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

On Tuesday, July 11, 2006, SCN team members Josh Adams and Ray Kalush visited Family Health Centers, Inc. (FHCS) in Orangeburg, South Carolina. FHCS has 7 locations and they are the largest CHC in South Carolina. FHCS is a federally-funded CHC serving the medically-underserved residents of Orangeburg, Bamberg, Calhoun, and upper Dorchester Counties in rural South Carolina. Orangeburg and Bamberg Counties are designated as partial Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA), and all of Calhoun County is designated as a HPSA. The entire service region is designated as a Medically Underserved Area (MUA). Calhoun County and eastern Orangeburg County are also designated as dental HPSAs.

The SCN team met with Kenneth Tuten and Scott Lewis, two members of the IT department. Their SCN data extraction has been especially difficult as they must manually extract the information from the tables in their BCA system. Their extraction process has comprised of months of communication back and forth with SCN staff to provide a sufficient data set. Read more about FHCS at [www.myfhc.org](http://www.myfhc.org).



SCOTT LEWIS & KENNETH TUTEN

On Wednesday, July 12, 2006, Josh and Ray traveled northeast about 100 miles to CareSouth Carolina, Inc. (CSCI) in Hartsville, South Carolina. CSCI serves a large portion of northeast South Carolina, operating nine medical centers in seven communities; with six centers participating in the SCN.

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**From the Centers**

**RESEARCH AT ACCESS**

Access Community Health Network (ACCESS), a not-for-profit healthcare organization operating 46 Chicago area health centers, is collaborating with the University of Chicago's Department of Family Medicine to evaluate the value of performance-based compensation in a community health center environment. In 2004, ACCESS became the first federally qualified health center in the country to institute a performance based compensation system to improve quality of care. The compensation plan seeks to shift the focus from acute care visits to planned visits, transforming the physician-patient relationship by increasing encounters in the service of managing chronic conditions and eliminating health disparities by following guidelines such as Healthy People 2010, and US Task Force on preventive health care.

This research project will study Access Community Health Network physicians' knowledge, attitudes and beliefs about performance based compensation in general and ACCESS' system in particular to examine if the economic incentives of performance-based compensation can facilitate qualitative and quantitative changes in health care delivery.

*--Milton "Mickey" Eder, Ph.D.; Director of Research Programs*



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The SCN team met with Gary Herrington in the IT department and learned that CSCI recently changed their Practice Management System to Companion PM. This simplifies the data extraction process from six separate files to one larger file with



GARY HERRINGTON

Crystal Reports used to create the SCN data. One of the main topics discussed during the site visit was how to link the SCN data between the two systems to allow evaluation of the data across multiple years. As a result of the meeting, the team developed a strategy that will make this possible. CSCI is fortunate to have Companion PM located nearby, facilitating a quick response to problems. Read more about CSCI at [www.caresouth-carolina.com](http://www.caresouth-carolina.com).

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## Data Status

### PROVIDER DATA NEEDED FOR REPORT PRODUCTION!

It is imperative to have a complete set of provider data from each center. If you have not already done so, please submit your provider data now or contact one of the SCN staff members to discuss your data.

### DATA SUBMISSION STATUS

For 2004, we have received user and encounter data from 35 participants out of 38 participating organizations and provider data from 29 participants. We have received full year 2005 user and encounter data from 36 participants, and provider data from 30 participants.

### INVOICES

To avoid a delay in payment, invoices must be received by **August 15, 2006**. If you have submitted all of your 2004 or 2005 data, please send your invoice to Lynn Breer; Michigan Public Health Institute; 2440 Woodlake Circle, Suite 100; Okemos, MI 48864. Please reference SCN Project Number C-38807-18.

## HRSA Update

### AD HOC REPORTING

Over the past few months, several informal data inquiries have been requested by HRSA featuring SCN data. The first was a simple survey of dental procedure codes. The second was a breakdown of children who were tested for, and diagnosed with, elevated blood lead levels. The most recent report was for the most common diagnoses assigned to patients by health centers. These reports were run using an aggregate data set of at least 20 participating organizations (representing at least 34 centers). These ad-hoc reports are just an example of how the SCN can provide HRSA with valuable information and illustrates the diverse nature in which the SCN data can be used.

## Stay Connected

If your email address or phone number changes, please send updates to [SCN@mphi.org](mailto:SCN@mphi.org).

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