



Announcements

2004 INDIVIDUAL CENTER REPORTS

The SCN team is diligently working to complete the 2004 Individual Center Reports. Reports will be produced for each individual health center that submitted a complete 2004 data set -- approximately 66 reports will be produced! To date, reports have been sent to 46 health centers.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
Please review your center's report and provide feedback to the SCN staff. We want to ensure an accurate representation of your center's data.

The reports are distributed by email to the health center staff included in the SCN email listserv. Please forward these reports to other members of your health center. We encourage each SCN coordinator to organize a review team (e.g., CEO, CFO, CMO, board members, etc.) to ensure the information in your center's report is accurate and useful. We would also like to invite the health center's SCN coordinators to participate in one of several upcoming conference calls to discuss the design and contents of your report. More information related to these conference calls will be distributed in the next couple of weeks.

Following the distribution of the individual reports, an aggregate report will be generated and distributed to all SCN participants. The aggregate report should be distributed later this fall.



HRSA Update

The HRSA Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT) was established in 2005 to lead HRSA's efforts in developing policy to build IT capacity within HRSA supported organizations. Information regarding OHIT's work is available on the web at <http://www.hrsa.gov/heathit>.

Currently, HRSA OHIT is requesting comments on the future direction and strategy regarding investments in health information technology (HIT) for section 330 grantees and other HRSA safety-net providers. OHIT will evaluate all comments received during the public comment period to inform their policy direction. The request for comment is currently published in the Federal Register (Federal Register: September 19, 2006 (Volume 71, Number 181)), and comments are due on October 10, 2006. Please see <http://www.hrsa.gov/healthit/frn091906.htm> to access the document.

Data Status

DATA SUBMISSION STATUS

The submission due date for data from the first six months of 2006 is **November 1, 2006**.

November				2006		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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DATA INTERPRETATION

The SCN team has been brainstorming on how to assist centers improve data submission and to ensure correct interpretation of their data. To address the data interpretation issue, we ask that you please supply us with the following information:

- A copy of the encounter form for each health center.
- The name, email address and phone number of a billing person to contact when questions arise related to coding.
- A copy of the query syntax file used to extract data from your system.

In an effort to keep our information current and to better serve the SCN community, we ask that you would please supply us with the following information about your Practice Management and Electronic Health Record systems:

- What is your current PM system? If you have an EHR, what system do you use?
- Are you planning a migration to a new PM system or EHR in the near future? If so, when? Which system(s) are you thinking about migrating to?

Please send this information via email to SCN@mphi.org.

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From The Centers

CHERRY STREET HEALTH SERVICES - GRAND RAPIDS, MI

THE SALVATION ARMY BOOTH FAMILY CLINIC PRENATAL AND FAMILY PRACTICE HEALTH CLINIC "CIRCLE OF CARE"

The Salvation Army Booth Clinic is a delivery site of Cherry Street Health Services located in Grand Rapids, MI. In July of 2005, Booth's Health Clinic piloted a "Group Prenatal Care" program based on the national Centering Pregnancy model. The program is designed to provide prenatal care within a group setting of 8 to 12 women. All of the women are assigned to a group who are at the same stage of their pregnancy; the women gather at scheduled sessions throughout their pregnancy, each session is 90 to 120 minutes in duration. Women may attend by themselves or bring a support person of their choice. The first hour focuses on a discussion concerning their current stage of pregnancy and is facilitated by Clinic staff. Information needed to assure a healthy baby is gathered during the second hour and the women are closely involved in the process. They, themselves, measure their blood pressure as well as their weight and they meet with a social worker, a maternal support services nurse, and they have one-on-one time with their provider.

The original program was piloted in 1993 at Chase Clinic in Waterbury Hospital in Connecticut. It continued for 15 months and there were 111 women in 13 groups, including 3 teenage groups. The average group size was 8.75, and there was an overall compliance of 85.9%. Overall, 96% of the women stated that they preferred receiving prenatal care in a group setting, and 98% stated that they enjoyed being with other pregnant women.

Booth's Health Clinic has a long history of being involved with the health and well-being of infants in Kent County. Currently, the Clinic manager participates on the Kent County Infant Health Team, and is an active member of the Fetal Infant Mortality Review Board. According to studies in Kent County of African-American infant morbidity and mortality rates, mental health issues such as stress, isolation, lack of support, and depression are seen as contributing factors in infant death. Our hope is that women will find support, decrease anxiety and become more empowered during their pregnancy by choosing group prenatal care; we believe this will ultimately decrease infant morbidity and mortality.

Since the pilot began, eleven groups have been started. Currently, women in our groups are as young as 14 and as old as 35, with the average age being 20. Usually 2-3 women, out of a total of 8 per group, bring a support person with them. When looking at the total 72 women participating at this time: 40% are African-American, 46% are Caucasian and 14% are Hispanic. Currently, all of our groups are English-speaking only, but we hope to expand this method of prenatal care to Spanish-speakers at one of the Cherry Street Health Care Clinics.

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We are proud to report that all of the women who have completed the program have said that they enjoyed the group and would choose this type of prenatal care again.

Special Recognition

ALCONA HEALTH CENTER - LINCOLN, MI

Congratulations to Cynthia Swise for being the first person to contact the SCN team with feedback on their 2004 Individual Center Report. Cynthia noticed missing provider data and has since forwarded an updated provider file. Thanks, Cynthia!

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