

Michigan's State Planning Project for the Uninsured

CHARGES FROM HRSA GRANT RELATIVE TO:

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

September and October 2005

- There should be seven town hall meetings, one in each region. A minimum of 50 individuals should participate in each meeting.
- The purpose of the town hall meeting is to foster a dialogue so as to assist the Work Groups and Advisory Council in better understanding community perspective, as they relate to the uninsured.
- Local sponsors will be selected to help with logistics and to draw the right mix of interested participants.
- They will highlight the concerns of:
 - Health care providers and purchasers
 - Employers
 - Uninsured
 - Underinsured
- Town halls will be organized to include a series of questions that are arranged into topic areas.
- Topics to be covered and subsequent questions will be formulated by the Community Interface Workgroup.
 - Staff will facilitate the meetings.
- The town hall design will seek to gather the qualitative information needed to better understand quantitative data findings.
- Information gathered will be useful for:
 - Putting a face to the data, and for
 - Explaining in real terms the impact that the lack of access to insurance has on communities.
- Information will serve as the backbone for establishing guiding principles and model development.