

STATE PLANNING PROJECT FOR THE UNINSURED

SPG DATA GATHERING UPDATE (January 11, 2006)

- I. Current Status of Household Survey Report
The Household Survey Report is currently in revision. Expected completion date for the final report is January 27, 2006. The Michigan Household Health Insurance Survey Report is close to 100 pages, including regional data. The Household Survey will provide the State Planning Project with its primary data source for understanding the uninsured in Michigan.
- II. Current Status of Employer Survey Report
First draft of the Employer Survey Report was submitted by MPHI to MDCH staff on January 6, 2006. A final draft of the report is expected by the end of February.
- III. Current Status of Focus Groups Report
Focus groups were conducted by MPHI for the uninsured, employers, and insurance agents. A draft report of the findings from the Focus Groups is expected by the end of January.
- IV. Data Requests
The Models Development Workgroup has been provided with responses to its data requests. MDCH staff will continue to complete data requests reviews as needed.
- V. Current Focus of Data Synthesis Workgroup: Safety Net Profile Data Elements
In an effort to scan the safety net in Michigan, a number of data sets are currently under review by the DSWG, including:
 - MDCH Health Statistics
 - Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Survey
 - Kaiser State Health Facts (based primarily on Current Population Survey data)
 - Michigan Primary Care Association dataset, plus
 - FCOM (Free Clinics of Michigan) dataset fields and definitions
 - VODI (Voices of Detroit Initiative) dataset fields and definitions

Information from the first four datasets will be used in the review of Michigan's safety net, providing basic information on population health status, provider information, utilization, and information on coordination and funding of resources. In addition, the group plans on requesting demographic information from both FCOM and VODI data, as well as getting a data run from the MPCA for demographics on FQHC patients who are uninsured, so as to provide a better understanding of the members of the uninsured population who have sought medical services. This also will provide a picture of safety net utilization and permit limited analysis of the ways in which the safety net will be affected by the selected strategies for 100% coverage. This is information that HRSA will expect to see in our final report on the State Planning Project, an update on the safety net segment of the SPG proposal, and an extrapolation of the current safety net as it would look after implementation of the project plan.

DSWG members have been requested to compare and narrow down a selection of data elements that are most important to the project. Additional data resources are open to consideration. The Kaiser State Health Facts are a good source for identifying indicators for a safety net review, and for some data components. Given the multitude of health indicators available, only 5-10 "Health Status" indicators will be selected as the most descriptive measures of the safety net scan. For the SPG's final

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report , some elements of the safety net profile will be replaced by data from the Michigan Household Health Insurance Survey, as well as the MI BRFS (Behavioral Risk Factor Survey).

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