

Public Reporting Teleconference
Talking Points
February 26, 2007
1-2:30p.m.

A. Greetings:

- Welcome to our 5th teleconference call in a series of calls on the revised general supervision and monitoring system for Virginia.
- Mary Anne White and Bonnie Grifa, Part C Monitoring Consultants will present the information for today's topic. Also participating in today's call from the State Part C Office are: Mary Ann Discenza, Karen Durst, Beth Tolley, Bev Crouse and Kyla Patterson. To our knowledge, there are 26 local systems represented on today's call.
- An evaluation form was emailed to you with the information for today's call. We request that you fill it out following the call so we can get your feedback. Please ensure that all participants listening with you receive a copy of the evaluation form.
- The "Talking Points" and hand-outs from today's call will be placed on the Part C website. We understand that the materials from some of the previous calls are not yet posted due to a change in personnel at our agency. A new Webmaster has recently been hired so we anticipate that the information will be posted soon. Click on "What's New" and then on "Monitoring and Supervision Conference Calls to locate the information.

B. Format of Call:

- We will start and end the call on time.
- All phones are currently in "listening" mode".
- When we are finished with our portion of the presentation, we will contact the conference operator who will come on the line and instruct everyone who has questions on how to "dial" in to ask their question.
- Please limit your questions to no more than one per "dial in". If you have additional questions, you may re-query in. This will help us ensure that everyone who has questions will be heard during our allotted time.
- If, we do not get to all questions, we will ask that you e-mail your questions to us to be included in the Q&A that will be posted on the web site following this call.
- All questions will be answered in the order in which the conference operator receives them.

C. Why Do We Have To Publicly Report?

- Public Reporting requirements are outlined in IDEA 2004 and state that:
 - The State shall report annually to the public on the performance of each local educational agency located in the State on the targets in the State's performance plan per Section 616 (C)(1).
 - 34 CFR 642 states that this also applies to Part C.

D. What are the Minimum Requirements for Public Reporting?

- States must report current 618 SPP indicator data on every local EIS every year;
- The report must clearly reflect the SPP indicators;

- The report is required to cover SPP Indicators 1-8 for Part C. For this year only, indicators 3 (Child Progress Indicator) and 4 (Family Outcome Indicator) are not reported on since targets had not yet been established for these new indicators. Therefore, only Indicators #1 (Timely Initiation of Services), #2 (Primary Service Setting), #5 (Birth To One), #6 (Birth To Three), #7 (45-Day Timeline) and #8 (Transition) will be reported to the public.
- The State must include in its report... the **most recently available performance data** on each local EIS, and the **date the data were obtained.**” 300.602(b)(1)(ii)
- The report is required to give a status report that presents the local system’s performance in relation to the State targets using percentages.
 - The reports will also include State performance.
- Public reporting must ensure broad dissemination such as posting on the agency’s website.
 - The same groups that were notified that the State Performance Plan was available on our website will be notified when the reports are available on the website with a request to disseminate this information to their stakeholder groups as well.
 - The reports will be located on the website in the same location as the SPP and APR.
- The final requirement is that the report be understandable to the public.

E. What Will Virginia’s Report to the Public Look Like?

- Virginia will have both a report on statewide performance that gives data on all local systems on Indicators (Timely Initiation of Services), (Primary Service Setting), (Birth to One), (Birth to Three), (45-Day Timeline), & (Transition) and a “System Profile” with data on each of these same monitoring indicators for each of the local systems in the Commonwealth.
- Virginia’s reports will contain all of the minimum requirements.
- Both reports are planned to have a direct link to the SPP and APR on the Infant and Toddler Connection of Virginia website. In addition, it is planned to have a link from the monitoring indicator on the reports to the applicable section of the APR on the website.
- If you will take a look at the Statewide Report, it includes the following:
 - A statement at the top of the report about why we have to publicly report with citation to the appropriate section of the law;
 - A short (2-3 sentences) definition of each indicator in the report;
 - A listing of the Indicators across the top and a listing of the local systems in alphabetical order down the left side; and
 - The percentage of compliance for each indicator for each local system.
 - The plan is to have a link, by clicking on each local system’s name, to the “System Profile” for that local system.
- If you will now take a look at the “Local System Profile”, you will see that it includes the following:
 - The name, address and phone number for the local system;
 - Information about the areas served by the local system; &
 - The December 1, 2005 child count.

- The “Local System Profile” resembles closely the chart that was attached to the memo from the Commissioner that was sent to your local system on February 1st with some revisions based on what we have discussed with you today.

F. What Is OSEP’s Expectation For When The Report Will Be Available To The Public?

- OSEP stated in a recent Technical Assistance call on Public Reporting that it is their expectation that States will publicly report within the next two months.
- Our goal is to have the reports completed and posted to the website no later than March 31st pending any unforeseen technical issues.

G. To Summarize:

- Public reporting is required under IDEA 2004;
- VA will only report on what is required. This year, we will report on six indicators: (Timely Initiation of Services, Primary Service Setting, Birth to One, Birth to Three, 45-Day Timeline and Transition).
- There are two different reports (one with Statewide performance on the 6 required indicators and a “Local System Profile” for each system in the Commonwealth comparing each local system’s performance on the required indicators to the State Targets;
- The plan is to have the reports completed and posted to the website no later than March 31st pending any unforeseen technical issues.
- Today’s call has been recorded and will be available until March 26th by following the information that was sent to you when we notified you of today’s call.
- The next teleconference call on Virginia’s revised monitoring system is scheduled for Monday, April 23rd from 1-2:30 p.m. and will provide you with information on “Determinations”. As required by section 616 of IDEA, OSEP is required to review each State’s APR each year and based on information provided in the State’s APR, information obtained through monitoring activities and other public information, OSEP will determine if the State: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention or Needs Substantial Intervention. In turn, States are then required to do the same thing with each local system. Included with each “determination” are specific enforcements that States will be required to implement. It is highly recommended that Local System Managers invite their Supervisor and Executive Director or comparable person in those systems that are not part of a CSB to either participate in the call or to listen to the recording of the call.
- We hope you found the information from today’s call helpful to you in understanding public reporting. Please remember to complete an evaluation form.
- Thank you for participating today. We will now contact the Operator to open the line for questions.