

AIDD Updates

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Administrative Updates

Grants Management Updates

- ACL is migrating to Grants Solutions
 - Managed by the Grants Center of Excellence (COE)
 - Delivers end-to-end grants management services to over 17 Federal Agencies
 - Managed by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
 - Mission is to provide comprehensive and cost-effective grants management solutions for grantors, grantees, and the public.

Grants Management Updates

- The suite of Grants Solutions core services covers all 14 stages of the grants management business, including:
 - Full life-cycle processing (pre-award through post-award) for all types of grants
 - Funds control integration with financial systems, financial reports, audit tracking

Grants Management Updates

- Flexible mechanisms for program-specific needs and performance reports
- Standard system interfaces to Grants.gov and other external systems
- Electronic grantee interface to foster collaboration between grantor and grantee

Grants Management Updates

- To learn more about Grants Solutions, go to: <https://home.grantsolutions.gov/home/>
- ACL is planning for grantee training

Staffing Updates

- Aaron Bishop joined AIDD as Deputy Commissioner
- Pam O'Brien joined the OPS staff in January
- Suad Jama is primary point of contact for all UCEDD questions
- Other staff assigned to work on UCEDD grants:
 - Rita Stevens
 - Pam O'Brien
 - Shawn Callaway
 - Sara Newell

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Core Grant Awards

- New applications were submitted March 6 and will be undergoing federal and peer review
- Anticipate that continuation applications will be due April 19
- Aiming to make all awards by June 30



Monitoring and Accountability Updates



New Cross Program Measure

- AIDD continues to explore creating “super measures” for the DD Network programs
- These measure could replace the program specific GPRA measures in the PPRs

PPR

- OMB clearance:
 - The first register notice (60 day notice) for the revised PPR template was published in January
 - The public comment period is ending in 3/15
 - A second register notice will be published for 30 days by the end of March



MTARS Streamlining Project

- In 2012, OPS engaged in a project to evaluate and revise the MTARS
- Phase 1 of the project conducted January – August, 2012
- Currently in Phase 2

MTARS Streamlining – Phase 1 Goals

- Conduct focus group sessions with key stakeholders
- Analyze results and develop recommendations for a revised monitoring system, that will inform Phase 2 of the project

MTARS Streamlining – Phase 1 Findings

Strengths of MTARS

- Being On-site
- Team Composition
- Checklists
- Process and Feedback

Weaknesses of MTARS

- Cumbersome
- Efficacy in addressing non-compliance/network collaboration
- Lack of follow up
- Not systematic
- Frequency
- Lack of focus on outcomes
- Lack of clarity in scope of work
- Combining TA and monitoring
- Length of time to produce report

MTARS Streamlining – Phase 1 Recommendations

1. Rebrand the MTARS
2. Utilize a Tiered Review System
 - *Tier one*: annual compliance and outcome review of PPRs/Plans
 - *Tier two*: periodic in-depth desk audits of compliance and an outcome review conducted by one federal staff person and two peers, similar to the current MTARS team structure.
 - *Tier three*: on-site review for red flag programs conducted by federal staff and peers as needed.

MTARS Streamlining – Phase 1 Recommendations

3. Have the TA Providers Conduct Organizational Reviews as Part of the Monitoring Process
4. Use Findings as the Foundation for Individual TA and National TA Plans
5. Have Integrated Compliance and Outcomes Review Tools in a Data Management System
6. Focus the Report on Information, Ensure Consistency in Format and Improve Publication Timeline

MTARS Streamlining – Phase 2

- Formed a workgroup of grantees, organizational representatives, and AIDD staff to finalize the revised model.
- Currently working in program teams (DDC, UCEDD, P&A) to develop a framework and the procedures for Tier 1 and Tier 2 review processes.

MTARS Streamlining – Phase 2

- UCEDD Workgroup members:
 - Harold Kleinert
 - Tony Antosh
 - George Jesien
 - Dawn Rudolph
 - Karen Irick
 - AIDD staff

MTARS Streamlining – Phase 2

- Program teams are developing the review tools:
 - Conducting analyses of the DD Act and program regulation requirements and current PPRs and Plan templates for items related to compliance that can be reviewed on an annual basis.
 - Identifying items that need to be added to templates.

MTARS Streamlining – Phase 2

- Developing procedures for annual and periodic outcomes reviews
- Determining how organizational reviews may be conducted
- Developing the criteria for reviewing the programs in Tier 1 and Tier 2, using existing tools, such as the UCEDD program criteria, as much as possible.

MTARS Streamlining – Phase 2

- Other activities:
 - Explore having a data management system
 - Conduct pilots in 2013
 - Revise the guidance
 - Continue to roll-out information to grantees
 - Conduct training as needed
 - Determine resources (staffing and funding)

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