SCSEP Monthly All Grantee Call (AGC) October 16, 2024, Transcript

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Back to you, Byron.

Kline, Byron - ETA 0:25
Great. Thank you, Lauren, and thank you, Bradley.
Good afternoon, everybody, and welcome to October's monthly All Grantee Call.
I'm Byron Kline with the SCSEP National Office team.
And I'm the NOL for regions three and six, and I'm going to be your moderator today.
So we're going to do things a little different today in the interest of time because we have an action-packed agenda.
We're just going to instead of going through our regular roll call.
We're just going to announce the SCSEP office team and we'll just wave.

Wilson, Toni K – SCSEP 1:05
Hi everyone.

Kline, Byron - ETA 1:06
All right.
And we will also.
Announce our contracting partners starting with BCT.
BCT, if you could.

Lynch, Leila I - ETA CTR 1:22
Hello, how are you?

Kline, Byron - ETA 1:25
OK.
Thank you.

Denise Thompson 1:26
Hi everyone.

Kline, Byron - ETA 1:29
Great. And also, Charter Oaks. Is Ron on the call on.

Ron Schack 1:33
Yes, I am. Hi everybody.
Ron Schack from the Charter Oak group.

Kline, Byron - ETA 1:37
Ron holding it down, all by yourself. And last but not least, our partners at Two Tech.

Wilkins, Patricia A - ETA CTR 1:45
Hey everybody.

Kline, Byron - ETA 1:46
So great.
Thank you all.
So to get us started, I'm going to turn things over to the SCSEP, Unit Chief Toni Wilson with a couple of quick announcements.

Wilson, Toni K – SCSEP 1:59
All right. Well, good afternoon, SCSEP.
I'm so glad you were able to join us today.
We do have a packed agenda, but before we get started, we do have a guest today.
Steve Rietzke. He was on travel during our September meeting, so I know he wanted to have a chance to say a few words, so I'm going to pass it over to Steve.

Rietzke, Steven – ETA 2:28
Sure. Thanks Toni. Hi everybody.
I'm Steve Rietzke, the Division Chief for National Programs Tools and Technical Assistance.
Or the DNPTTA as we go by for short. I'm the division where the SCSEP unit sits in the Office of Workforce Investment at ETA. I know a lot of you probably know me, but there's probably some folks who don't. So, it's good to be with you all, good to see your faces online.
I think you can see my face.
But if you can't, hopefully you can at least hear my voice.

And you know, as Toni said, I wasn't able to be at the last call.

Rietzke, Steven - ETA 3:08
And you know, it's been a little bit since I think I've joined one of these All-Grantee Calls because our great team here is it holding down.
But I did wanna make sure that I joined this one for a couple reasons.
One is.

Rietzke, Steven - ETA 3:28
Remember to keep your mics on.
For the for the session.
One of the reasons is I wanna give some belated congratulations to you all.

Ron Schack 3:50
Steve, you're on mute or not. You're not coming through.

Rietzke, Steven - ETA 4:02
Sorry, it's OK. Am I good now?
Yes, OK, I'm getting yes.
I don't know when my mic flipped, but anyway good to be with you.
I'm here for a couple reasons.
One congratulations are in order.
I just want to say that to you all myself.
Congrats to all the grantees who competed for and won grants in the general competition for SCSEP.
I know the majority of you are returning grantees.
And you know, a little bit of new blood in in the mix for SCSEP.
So Congrats to both returning and new grantees. Welcome.
And welcome everybody to a new four-year grant cycle.
Also, congrats to folks who apply for and won demonstration grants.
We competed that alongside the general competition. And we're excited about the work that we're gonna do there in terms of testing out sector based training in this, older worker context.
So thank you all for your thinking and innovation and we really look forward to working with you all and seeing what we can do under that additional project.
You know, I know that this has probably been a fairly intense year.
It's kind of a big enough deal just to run 1 grant competition and for you all to have to apply to it.

But for the folks who were doing both at the same time.
You know, thank you for the work that you put in and for all the thought and blood, sweat and tears that I'm sure that took.
And you know also a more belated thank you to the to the folks with the SCSEP state grants for the state planning work that you've done.
And all the thought that went in went into those plans as well.
So I know that we've kind of given you a whole lot of homework as SCSEP grantees and applicants over the last year.
We really appreciate you all attention to it and the work that you put in and we also appreciate where you've brought ideas to the table that pushed us to think more about.
Some of the things that we could do to make improvements to the program.
And hopefully make your lives a little easier as grantees like allowing for four year ATSS approval.
And things like that.
So appreciate the ongoing dialogue that we had with you all and we're excited about this upcoming grant cycle.
One of the other things I want to say is to the folks who are in hurricane impacted areas.
We're definitely thinking about you all. I know we've heard from a few of you with some observations on the ground of sort of what things look like.
We continue to hope that everybody is safe and recovering well.
And you know, I know that so far the department has announced some initial funding to the state of Florida as well as to the state of North Carolina to support disaster recovery jobs through emergency dislocated worker grants.
I encourage you to reach out to your state agency contacts if you have it already to sort of hear more about that and learn if there's any kind of connection point or ways that you can be helpful or vice versa.
And I know that the department is continuing to have a presence in those areas and sort of keep the feedback loop and communication open to make sure that we can be as helpful as we can. But you know we're certainly not FEMA, sort of on the front lines of an emergency, but those dislocated worker dollars.
Can really help to support disaster recovery jobs and to help folks who have their employment disrupted by disasters.
And then finally, I do want to acknowledge that this post competition transition.
Is a bit more expedited this year than it has been in the last couple cycles.
You know, we thank you all to the folks who are affected by the transition, meaning that you're either a grantee who is transferring participants out or you're grantee transferring participants in.
Based on how the counties shook out of the competition.

Thank you all for working with us on this.
I know it's a bit of a challenge in terms of the timing.
There are a few factors affecting that timing one of which is just that the department here had a really high workload in terms of grant processing over the summer.
It took us a bit longer than we had hoped to actually get the formal announcement out, but given that the transition volume, like the number of participants who are going to change from one grantee to another, that volume is quite a bit lower this competition than it has been in the in the past couple competitions.
We haven't really been trying to stick to the November 1st date for those transfers to become effective.
And that's what we had written into the funding opportunity announcement.
I know we reiterated that date in the e-mail message that went out on October 3rd.
But we've also heard from a number of grantees affected by the transition with, you know, some of your concerns around that timing. Some of your concerns around like some of the challenges related to making sure that the transfers of participants.
Particularly the transfers of participants onto the receiving grantees payroll to make sure that we don't drop or delay participants, payments, wage payments.
We hear the concerns and so, you know, I'll admit I was being a little stubborn about that date.
But you know, I think we've done a lot of thinking here.
We do think we can allow for some additional time in that transition.
We don't want it to drag on for a long time, but we do think that saying up to like 30 days.
Looking out to about December 2nd for those transfers to become effective.
Is OK on our end and so we're hoping that that gives just enough breathing room to be able to complete those tasks without providing you know significant disruption to the participants.
What we can do is go back and like, redo the dollars, right?
So the funding that we've awarded as of now is the funding for the year. And so, I know we've done that in a couple different chunks.
We awarded dollars to incumbent grantees and then sort of pre competition configuration.
Then we awarded another set of allotments.
Based on the post competition configuration of slots and counties, and so the dollars are what they are, but to allow for that time.
You know, I think.
We're acknowledging that that really puts the emphasis on minimizing disruption to participants.
And we do want to do that so.
To the to the specific grantees who are affected by the transition.

Either like I said, in terms of transferring participants out or transferring them in, we're gonna talk more details with you about this.
Tomorrow, when we do the transition call that's already scheduled.
You know, there's of course there's a couple of caveats to this, right?
Like this is already a year where the slot allocations the equitable distribution numbers are already a little bit tweaky.
Because the first increment of funding included recaptured funds, that second increment didn't include.
And so, you know, when we do this kind of timing relief, if you will.
It might tweak those numbers a little bit more, but I think we're feeling like all right, we can, we can live with that and we all know sort of what we're working toward next year in terms of equitable distribution.
But we do again, wanna prioritize making sure that there's no harm done to participants.
And you know, I think we're optimistic that another month can help to cover that.
The other caveat is that you know we just want everybody to be extra vigilant in terms of the spending. I know SCSEP has a lot of rules.
A lot of strings attached and a lot of parameters that you're trying to hit that are in the statute, right?
And so, you know, we just wanna make sure that folks are really looking at your spending early, that you're staying right side up on your participant wages, fringe benefits spending percentage. So, that you don't get sort of really deep into the year and realize that you know the ratio of administrative program costs to participant wages cost is out of whack. So, you know, we'll definitely be talking to you all about that and kind of staying in touch in a technical assistance function to make sure that we're being helpful and helping you stay on the right trajectory in terms of that spending.
I'll also say that you know.
While we're providing some additional time here.
We do encourage you to complete those transfers as soon as possible. So, like you don't have to wait until December 2nd. If both the grantee transferring participants out and the grantee transferring participants in are like ready to go, I encourage you to do that as soon as soon as it's reasonably feasible.
If that happens well ahead of December 2nd, that is OK.
But if it does sort of take time out to that date, that's also OK.
And for the grantees who will be transferring participants in, if you're ready, we also encourage you to go ahead and start recruiting for the slots that you know you'll have available going forward.
So you know from the transfer list that you have a certain number of folks that you're anticipating the transfer in imminently.

You also know from your slot counts that that there's probably some empty seats, and so when you're ready to be enrolling for those seats, we encourage you to go ahead and move that forward.
And I think that's all I have.
So thank you all for letting me join.
Congrats and thank you again. And I think we're going to pause for a few questions if you have them now. I'm going to have to run in in a little bit. So, I probably won't hear for the main Q&A, but if you have immediate questions or reactions to the stuff I just talked about. I think we're opening it up.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 17:00
Yes, you can put something in the chat or you can raise your hand if you do.
You'll be going into other aspects, so if you have questions there, we're going to touch base on that in a minute.
But if we had anything on those transition, like Ann is just saying, thanks for the update, Steve, for always taking our concerns into consideration when setting policy, we appreciate you, good one.

Rietzke, Steven - ETA 17:32
Thanks Ann.
I see a questions from Deborah and Operation Abel. If there were undistributed funds from the demo grants will another round be offered?
Can I ask you maybe to expound on the question a little bit? When you say undistributed funds, you just mean will there be another fight at the apple for grantees who may not have applied to that round of demonstrations. Or do you mean?

Deborah Delman Operation ABLE 18:03
Right, we were aware that maybe some of the regions had less participation in it. And yes, we're very interested in learning about that.

Rietzke, Steven - ETA 18:16
OK.
So in terms of another round of competition right now, that's not something we're anticipating for this specific demo.
I mean I, you know, I wouldn't 100% rule it out, but I think that's not, it's not in the cards in, in sort of an immediate sense, but definitely appreciate the interest. And if that if that changes, we'll be sure to let everybody know.

Deborah Delman Operation ABLE 18:47
Thanks, Steve.

Rietzke, Steven - ETA 18:48
Yeah.
Chris, I see your note about Tennessee and Virginia for hurricane relief. Definitely and I know I mentioned the states that I know we've issued a press release about in terms of disaster dislocated worker grants, but certainly those are not the only two states affected, so. Appreciate the shout out for some other states there.
OK.

Kline, Byron - ETA 19:27
Well, Steve, thank you for that update. And if there are some additional questions, as Steve mentioned later on, we can have an opportunity to ask them.
But thank you again.
OK, moving on with the agenda on to program announcements and I will turn things back to Toni to talk about the demon grants award and also the virtual grantee orientation.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 19:50
Good day, again everyone.
So in reference to the demo grant.
As Steve mentioned, those have been awarded.
We have 9 grantees.
We are still just kind of putting together some information and there will be an opportunity for us to kind of share what some of the grantees will potentially be working on and give you a little bit of an overview of the study itself.
Urban Institute is the entity that is managing our sector strategy study. So we plan to invite them to kind of talk about the details of the study.
So that would be in some future meetings, but just wanted to once again say congratulations to the group and look out for future meeting on that.
I also wanted to flag that we'll be having a virtual grantee orientation at the end of the end of January.
So we are looking at January 28 through the 30th.
It would be like one to four in those days, and we'll be sending out a save the date. Most of this will be in reference to.
Compliance, information in reference to your grants, and we'll be doing a lot of things on performance. In addition to that, we'll be following up with some GPMS training and all of

these things will be sending out details through e-mail and this will be open to all grantees.
So, we'll have nationals and states will be invited and suggest, and those dates we'll put those in the chat.
But right now, those states are in January 28 through the 30th and we'll be sending out details on times etcetera. But at least hold those states.
For a virtual, no one needs to worry about travel budgets. But for a virtual conference.
Thank you so much.
Kevin and team who have put that in the chat.
I appreciate that.
And then a few updates before we move over to grants management.
Though Grant related, we do have a few updated changes, so in addition to the transition aspect that Steve has stated in reference to extension time we do have the transition meeting for that, that applies.
That will be tomorrow.
And you should receive information on that.
And then we still have two kind of office hours post that meeting to help anyone in that group.
So just kind of make sure you look out for that. The other piece is for the nationals.
For those nationals where the grants are four months and eight months, and I say that in the sense of the four months was going to be a transition funds and then your eight months was the remaining of your PY 24 funds. We received a lot of information in reference to that four months is closing and a lot of people still really need it.
Some more time we were able to work with the grant office and they would be doing a blanket modification.
So both grants will have the same period of performance, which is that July 1st through June 30th, 2025.
So some have actually already gone through.
You can see that on grand solutions and those that haven't, they're doing that this week.
And should have them all done by the end of the week.
So once again, you don't need to do anything on that.
It will be a blanket and it will be reflected in your grant file on grant solutions, but those dates align and that will give you a chance to kind of wrap up anything you need to do and that four month period without worrying about going straight to the close out where you finish.
So just wanted to flag that.
And then what's my last one?
Oh, and then lastly, we are going to be sending out an e-mail by the end of this week. In reference to this is for all grants, nationals and states.

We're providing the list of swaps, so that's the full list for nationals and the full list of where the states are at, so everyone can start reviewing.
If they may want to do any spots or have that full list, and the e-mail will provide details on what you need to do. So be prepared to look out for that. Hopefully by the end of this week.
Also, there will also be something out with deadlines.
Alright, so in reference to the grant management updates, I'm just gonna move us into that category because it did want to flag, we could change TEGL, and I'm gonna hand it over to Irene.
But with the change to that would be going out soon.
And it'll give you an opportunity.
I just wanted Irene. If there's anything you wanted to flag for when that comes out.
Does anyone want it?
I know you were saying, there were like two basically 2 main things people need to make sure they submit.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 25:36
Yes. Thank you, Toni.
One of the things that mainly the new national grantees will need to submit, their termination policies, their grievance policies, their IDL polices. Take a look at them, those of you who are renewing.
Take a look at yours make sure that they still are relevant. If you have a new sub grantees, then your grievance policies of course should be changing.
And it should be reflective of those sub grantees etcetera.
The other thing that I wanted to point out was also.
Making sure that the Nationals connect with the states in which they are operating in.
Make sure you get a camaraderie going with them.
That you may need them for the state planning process and some other things as well.
So just make sure you connect with them and I think that's it, Toni.
I'm not sure if I covered what you guys.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 26:40
Perfect, that's why I love Irene. She's great even when you put her on the spot.
So I appreciate that.
Thank you so much for that.
All right.
And then I just to answer one of the questions, the swap information that I mentioned is regarding both for those in transition and those that wanna move slots between Nationals and States and that detail in the e-mail, but that is proposed. So just for me to flag that.

Adams, Anita (Irene) – ETA 27:10
Toni, can I take?

Wilson, Toni K – SCSEP 27:11
Yes.

Adams, Anita (Irene) – ETA 27:12
The one thing to remember about Swaps is that even if you're a state and you're getting a national in your area, take a look at the States in the service areas.
And make sure they're contingent and they make sense to you.
It's a very good opportunity to get a relationship with the new national grantee in your area and you guys can make sure that you're serving the state equitably together. This is a good period for you. So just make sure you're looking at your service area and then making sure that they make sense and make that they make sense for you to serve as well.
Thank you.

Wilson, Toni K – SCSEP 27:51
Thank you so much, Irene.

Slaughter, Alison S – ETA 27:44
And while we're on Irene, we got a question about the ATSS waver. The question came from Anne, our ATSS waver for the 8-month TEGL is the exact same request in both percent requested and use of funds as it was for the four months TEGL. Can we expect expedited approvals that are job seekers have continuity of service.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 28:16
Well Ann, there will be a difference because now you're talking about a different budget.
Your money is different.
It's not the same, but if it makes sense, it's between your FPO and your NOL.
To make sure that it gets expedited and you should raise that issue to them to make sure that it makes sense.
I can't speak for your two, but if it were me.
If it were me, yes, it would be expedited because I would want you to have less time to impact the participants as possible.

Wilson, Toni K – SCSEP 28:44

And we are making that a priority here in the National Office.
So we're working with FPOs to make sure that piece can be approved, you know, immediately where possible. So please know that we definitely heard you in reference to the ATSS piece. Which is why we try to make it where it's part of the four years outside of any kind of amendments that you have and making sure we move those forward. And then lastly in reference to the question outside of the fact that yes, I do love Michi's background also. But the TEGL will be out next month.
I don't have an exact date, unfortunately. Have clearance process etcetera. So I'm not able to give from the exact date but we hope to have that out by mid-November, but we didn't want to hold the list for swaps to that.
So we're sending that out by e-mail beforehand.
So people can at least be working on that until the TEGL gets out.
So just wanted to flag that information, all right.
And then I think Steve has fully gotten into the transition grants and there'll be an e-mail.
So I there's no need for me to repeat any of that information.
So I'm actually gonna pass it over to Ali.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 30:01
Thanks Toni.
You will see here that we have had a date change for the finalization of our PY 23 data.
We have adjusted that date by one week, so we will now be freezing our PY 23 end of year QPR on November 2nd at 12:00 AM Eastern Time. So, I do want to note that essentially the due date for PY 23 data is November 1st, by the end of the day. We had to adjust the date take into account one additional need for our freezing functionality, but we're still moving forward with finalizing those QPRs in the system.
So again, we encourage you to run your QPRs, run your follow up reports, run your paid hours reports, and see if you have any data missing in the system.
And get that in before the end of November 1st to be reflected in your final end of year performance. We'll send a reminder out via e-mail that this is upcoming as well as the updated dates. So, you have that information. I'll pass it back to Byron.

Kline, Byron - ETA 31:09
Great.
Thank you, Toni.
Thank you, Irene, and thank you, Ali.
Next up is the communications and outreach and training and Technical Assistance section.
I will turn things over to Kevin Mauro and Michi McNease from Two Tech.

Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR 31:25
Thank you, Byron, and thank all of you for joining us this afternoon.
Course given our exciting schedule today, I don't wanna take up too much time, but I do wanna call to all of your attention. We did go through National Employment Older Workers Week last month and we've wrapped up a lot of those activities and included a lot of those stories that you were able to send us on the Community of Practice.
So if you haven't been to the Community of Practice and checked out some of those stories and some of those event's vents that went on. I would encourage you to check it out. I come to you every year and always request that you can send us those materials so we can highlight the work that you're doing and this year was a particularly good year.
We also want to note that yesterday wrapped up National Hispanic Heritage Month.
We do have material on COP about that, but as they transition, October is also National Disability Employment Awareness Month.
And we do have material that was featured on Workforce GPS global, about remote work and how it is a boon for older workers with disabilities.
That's another piece I want to draw your attention to if you haven't been to the Community of Practice and check that out already.
The final thing I wanted to talk about today was the spotlight on the FOA transition.
If you go to the front page of the Community of Practice front in center on the featured content. We have our spotlight on transition page. It's a hub with all of the materials as they become available for the transition process.
So as a hub, we are putting up videos and materials almost as soon as they become available. In keeping that up to date for you.
So if you are part of that transition process. We are taking care of you on the Community of Practice and please come check out our hub.
If you are see something missing that you wish was on there. Just please let us know at SCSEP Technical Assistance and we'll make sure that we can include that in the materials that we have for you.
That's all that I have for the community of practice this month, so I will turn things over to Mitchie McNeese to talk about GPMS vLive.

McNeace, Meche - ETA CTR 33:55
Thank you, Kevin. Hello everyone.
I just wanted to share that during the recent GPMS virtual office hours, as we normally do, we covered a few key GPMS questions.
But also during the last couple of virtual office hours, we wanted to learn more about the users level of knowledge.
So we started the last couple of office hours with some kick off activities, if you will.

One was we use the teams polling ability and ask questions related to the user roles which turned out to be very helpful.
It also drove our discussion during the rest of the virtual office hours on just focusing on users.
And then last week during our last office hours.
We opened up with what we call GPMS jeopardy.
We felt that it went very well and we actually kept the office hours open for an additional 40 minutes.
So doing during that jeopardy, it was very engaging.
We learned a lot.
Do you know again from the users that attended what their level of knowledge was? So, it was something that we would like to try and keep going.
So with all of that being said, I wanted to just say that we appreciate everyone who joins us and that we look forward to continuing our support through these GPMS virtual office hours. And that's all I have.

Kline, Byron - ETA 35:26
Great, thank you, Kevin and thank you, Michi, for those of you who missed GPMS jeopardy. You really missed a treat. Everyone tapped into their inner game show host spirit animals. So, make sure you check it out next time. It's really good.
So moving on to our GPMS updates, I'll actually kick things off with the GPMS newsletter for October. In this edition. We focused on for our spotlight the close of PY 2023 performance, including the process to freeze the PY 23 end of year QPR.
As in all of the GPMS newsletter editions, there are links to the vLive recordings.
There's also links to the GPMS release notes.
There's also a link to the Older Workers Community of Practice Page that has all of this information.
So thanks again, as always to our partners at Two Tech for getting those things on the community of practice page.
I will now turn things over to I believe Leila Lynch from BCT to give us more GPMS updates.

Lynch, Leila I - ETA CTR 36:44
Thank you so much.
Good afternoon, everyone. Today's presentation focuses on the latest release, the transfer list, and bulk transfer. New user templates, the QPR freeze, and the tip of the month.
Release 2.9.1 has been deployed in GPMS and it focused on changes to the QPR, the organization and contact modules.
You can find details of the release in the notes that were distributed to the user community.

A copy of the notes is available on the SCSEP help website.
With respect to the transfer list, remember to complete and return the transfer list version one by today October 16th via Zendesk. The list was sent to you on October 3rd along with instructions for validating and annotating the list.
The donor grantee is required to validate and annotate the list and return the list by the due date. Please make sure to select Transition 2024 topic in Zendesk when returning the list.
When preparing for the bulk transfer upload process.
We noticed that a few subgrantees did not have subgrantee administrators associated with them.
The SGs needed for the bulk upload process to work correctly.
We reached out to the grantee administrators affected.
The response was very quick and we do appreciate everyone's efforts.
If you still don't have a subgrantee administrator for all your subs in GPMS.
You can add or edit roles.
By following the instructions in section 3.0 manage users of the user guide.
A copy of the guide is on our SCSEP help website.
Thanks again to everyone who responded so quickly.
The SCSEP help team has made a few modifications to the new user templates to make it easier to fulfil the new user request.
The latest template is available on the SCSEP help website.
Under the Quick Links section on the home page.
Please begin using this template today when submitting your request.
As Ali mentioned, the QPR will be frozen shortly but here are a few reminders to ensure that your end of your data is as accurate as possible.
Please make sure that you enter all PY 23 data in GPMS the day before the QPRs will be frozen.
Grantees must enter all follow up to earnings before the end of year processing begins to ensure accurate information in the median earnings section of the QPR.
Keep in mind that data entered for program year 23.
After the process begins.
Will not be reflected in the QPRs.
Why the QPR is frozen, you will not be able to view or generate the QPRS, but other modules of GPMS will be available.
This month's tip is regarding entering hours in GPMS.
We noticed that some users may not be entering the hours correctly.
Remember, CSA hours, remote or in person are only the hours spent on assignment at the host agency.
Paid training hours are those that's a subgrantee provided directly or through a third party

training provider to the participants.
Do not include any training provided by the host agency in the paid training field.
Do not include as paid training routine grantee or sub grantee meetings.
To double check your entries, you can use the participant hours report.
If you see many hours in the training hours field.
And the CSA hours fields are 0.
It's a sign that the hours may not have been entered correctly.
Typically, training hours make up 3 to 5% of CSA total.
It's a good idea to generate the PHR, review the hours and make the necessary corrections.
Thanks everyone.
And now turn the session over to Ron.

Ron Schack 42:47
Hi everybody.
So just a few quick updates.
So as Ali mentioned, the PY 23 data will be frozen on November 2nd once those data are frozen, we then use them to refresh the statistical adjustment model.
To adjust your final PY 23 goals and then we use those adjusted goals to do your valuation of grantee performance for PY 23.
So all that will get underway once the PY 23 data are frozen.
Also, you know we have the participant and host agency surveys coming up.
They the participants survey sample has been drawn and you'll be getting lists of participants to send the pre survey letters out to very soon.
As far as the host agency survey, will be done digitally.
And we have asked grantees to validate host agency contact information, e-mail contact information.
That was due back October 11th.
There are still many grantees who have not returned the validated contact lists.
So I encourage you to do that as soon as you can.
I know it requires some effort to validate those emails, but it's very important so we can get a good response rate for the survey and then of course, we're going to use the survey results for both participants and host agencies in the grantee performance evaluation once we get those results back.
So it all ties together.
That's all I have.
I hope everybody has a great week.

Kline, Byron - ETA 44:55

Great. Thank you, Ron, and thank you, Leila.
Moving on to our grantee highlights and questions.
Before we get to questions, are there any particular grantees that have some great success stories or some highlights that you'd like to share? We're always looking for opportunities to talk about and big up all of our grantees who we know are doing amazing work.
So before questions, any highlights any would like to draw attention to.
I know there's a lot of good work out there.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 45:41
So Byron, as people are thinking, I will just add in reference to the Older Workers month.
We were able to share a lot of that information with our DOL leadership.
Very impressed, especially around the various recruitment efforts, but the digital literacy work that's happening.
And just you know, a reminder of the good work that's happening out in this field, in reference to SCSEP.
So we were very excited to be able to share that information.
So I encourage you guys to continue to share you know what's working for always improving SCSEP and that's good, but it's also good to remind people of the importance of this program and the good work that's happening.

Kline, Byron - ETA 46:35
Great. Thank you, Toni.
Any highlights, if not?
If you think of one jump in with any.
Let's move to any questions that you all may have about.
Some other SCSEP issues or some of the issues that we covered already.
Floor is open for any questions.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 47:02
You can go through some of the questions in the chat that have already been answered.
There was a question about when the 424 and 424A documents are due and where to submit them.
Sondra provided a response, an ATSS request should wait for the TEGL, and she provided an attachment that further explains the budget narrative special conditions.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 47:17
So, we're hoping that that TEGL will be out by mid-November.
Sondra's provided the documentations for the budget.

You know, you're free to start using those.
That is what's gonna be part of the TEGL.
So if you wanna start getting ready and you can start sending things, but the TEGL will provide this etcetera at that time.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 47:52
We also had a question about where to submit those documents.
And again, thank you, Sondra.
You can submit those documents to grants.SCSEPdocs@dol.gov.
And please always copy your FPO and your NOL for their visibility as well.
We had some questions about the a reminder of the key QPR dates.
So again, we'll be freezing the QPR on Saturday, November 2nd at 12:00 AM Eastern Time, which means November 1st at 11:59 PM Eastern Time is your last chance to get any data in.
But we definitely recommend not waiting until the last day. So run your reports.
Get all your information in by Friday, November 1st.
And question about the QPR accuracy.
Thank you for that question, Rick.
We have one outstanding ticket that I mentioned.
We had to push back our freeze date for that affects our frozen nationwide QPR.
Other than that, we've completed all the development on the tickets that we have in the system. So we see the QPR as accurately reflecting the data in the system.
But as always, we rely on feedback from grantees as well.
So if you are noticing anything in your QPR that doesn't seem to match the data that you've been inputting, please submit a ticket via Zendesk and we can look into that and see if it's a you know issue with the QPR or an issue with some data missing in the system, but otherwise, as we plan to freeze the QPRs in GPMS, we believe that they are accurate reflecting the data.
We have a question from Leslie about the survey. So, Ron, could you please repeat the date that they'll get the sample for the participant surveys?

Ron Schack 49:51
We're not sure of exactly the date, but it'll be very soon.
We have the sample list now, so it'll be very soon.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 50:02
Thanks, Ron. And that will come from, I believe our SCSEP help e-mail.
So look out for that in your inbox.
A question from Natalie, Steve or Toni may have said this, and I may have missed it.

When will state grantees be able to find out slots and county assignments for all of the operators in their states?

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 50:21
So that's the e-mail on swaps that we hope to send out by the end of the week.
So Friday at the latest, it would be Monday and that would include both information for States and National post slots, and the details, the directions and dates will be included in that.
So you'll see that shortly.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 50:21
Thanks, Toni.
That is a question, that may just be a repeat of the chat.
I didn't quite see the question that you submitted via Zendesk. Debra, if you don't mind resending that, I think the message got a little wonky.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 51:09
That. Yeah, somethings in the chat look a little wonky. We apologize.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 51:10
Oh, it's there.
And it's Deborah, OK.
I think she resubmitted already. You see an issue with the assignment by host agency report.
Thank you for submitting that with Zendesk.
We will definitely take a look at that if anyone else is experiencing the issue, we encourage you to submit as a best ticket as well.
And that includes.
Any suggestions you have about adding anything into the report, we'd love those suggestions and feedback.
Yes. Where did that come from?

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 51:47
So, we're looking at the GPMS.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 51:49
Yes, median earnings. Yeah. So that is correct in the system as it's reporting.
Leila can talk more about this as well, and I think this came in an e-mail.

The issue is that oftentimes grantees will complete follow up one in the system where they select yes, the participant was employed in their second quarter after exit, but they don't go back at the end of the quarter and actually add those wages into follow up two. Those are collected in two different areas because we have to account for the entire quarter to go by before we can enter those wages.
So what is happening is that zero is showing up for those participants. That said, yes, they're employed, but they didn't enter any wages, so we would encourage you to pull a follow up report and look for any follow up ones that have been completed and were successful but are missing a follow up two.
That is a good indication that you don't have wages entered and you need to enter those or else that participant will be reporting 0.
Did I miss anything, Leila?

Lynch, Leila I - ETA CTR 52:52
Well said, Ali.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 52:56
Thank you. And if you have questions on your specific, your median earnings measure that you're getting on your QPR certainly reach out to Zendesk and they can look into it as well and make sure nothing else is going on.
Did we get everything in the comments?

Grant-McGary, Sondra D - ETA 53:14
I think we missed one from a Crystal Newman at 3:53.
Is there a document?

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 53:33
Thank you.
“Is there a document grantees can read them how to check any red flags on data entered in GPMS.” I think there were some hints and tips given in the original e-mail that mentioned the Free State. We’ll respond to that same e-mail with the updated date. So you.
Have those tips, but we suggest that the three big reports would be running your actual QPR to see where you're at.
Running your follow up reports and looking for any undone follow-ups and then running your participant hours report and make sure you can use that toggle in the zero category to see if anyone has zero hours entered for the whole program here.
Those are the biggest red flags and then, Crystal. I would encourage you reach out to your

FPO and your NOL if you have any questions on specific measures, and they can loop me in, and we can chat. If you have questions.

Kline, Byron - ETA 54:24
Alright, a lot of questions recovered there.
Any additional questions that anyone wanna add?
OK.
Well, thank you all for being attentive, we know that we packed a lot of information into this meeting, as always.
We are really grateful for all the work that you do and even after this meeting, if you have some additional questions.
Please reach out to your FPOs or your NOLs.
We'll make sure that we get back to you with answers as soon as possible.
Our next all grantee call is Wednesday, November 20th.
We will give more information about what the agenda will be and things to cover in the meantime, if you have any of those success stories, don't wait till the next meeting.
Feel free to forward them to us at any time. We would really love the opportunity to talk about your success stories more.
So thank you, everyone. And we will see you next month.
Thanks.

Bronson, Bradley K - ETA CTR stopped transcription