SCSEP Monthly All Grantee Call 5.21.2025 Transcript

Burnett, Lauren S - ETA CTR 0:03
Will be available on the Older Workers COP.
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Back to you, Irene.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 0:14
Thank you, Lauren.
Welcome to the May edition of the All-Grantee Call.
My name is Irene Adams, your moderator for this call. In case you haven't heard, this will be my final call.
I will as I will be retiring effective June 13, 2025.
So we're going to enjoy ourselves. That is a very special edition, because we also have a peer to peer right after.
So let's give away to those folks that are here from the National Office.
Will you please come up on camera?
Give away national office staff.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 0:55
Hi everyone.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 0:58
All right.
And TwoTech staff, can you please get on camera and give a wave to everyone?
And how about my BCT Charter Oak team?
We have a question from Gary Hinkle.
Gary, what can we help you with?
Gary.
OK.
Well, Gary, you can keep your question until for the Q&A session at the end of at the end of this part of the session and we'll move definitely address it or you can use the chat. And one of our SCSEP staff will respond to you again.
Welcome to the.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 1:45

Or, like me, he was trying to find the right emoji on how we feel about you retiring there. I mean, that might have been it, and that is also an option.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 1:54
Thank you, Gary. Thank you.
So we had the introductions, and we were starting with the agenda, which is the peer-to-peer reminder and staff updates. Toni's going to address those things.
Toni, I'm gonna give the mic to you.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 2:13
All right.
Thank you so much, Irene.
So of course, before we move on, I have to say as you can imagine, I've been going through boxes and boxes of tissues over the news that Irene is retiring.
She has been quite the fixture for SCSEP. I know many of you have worked with her for a very long time.
And she will definitely be missed. I know I will miss her.
I know my team will miss her and I know many of you will.
So she'll be here until June 13th.
This will be her last.
A meeting, as she said.
But thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Irene, for all of it. And I will not cry so.
Just thank you.
And, you know, people can feel free as they already are doing, to share their well wishes in the chat.
But just wanted to flag. It's been a great ride.
All right.
And I know there's definitely been lots of other changes, so if anyone.
That has any updates in reference to their teams. You know, please add that into the chat, we'll make sure we incorporate those in the notes.
And you know, if anyone's retired or anything, please make sure you flag that we definitely want to send our extra love that way.
But that's it.
Work still needs to move on, so let me get to the agenda. I'm supposed to be focusing on.
Some of these staffing updates with Irene being moving into retirement, we have made a change in reference to the NOLs and they'll have a bench behind them to support, but region one will now be Shawnte McGee.

She'll be the NOL.
You'll still be working with your same FPOs, but sometime that helps to know who the NOLs are. Region 2 will also be Shawnte McGee and region 3 will continue to be Byron Kline, region 4 will now be Byron Kline.
Region 5 is Shawnte McGee and region 6 will be Byron Kline. So,
basically, for your immediate need, just continue to work with your FPO.
We keep the updated list on the COP, which I'm sure Kevin can put into the chat.
Of all the FPOs and NOLs and contacts.
So please make sure that you take a look at that.
Also, there's a list of all the grantees communications, so if they're we've been trying to collect, as things are changing.
But if you see anything that hasn't been changed, please flag because that should be a real time document. Jada?
I'm not sure if you're aware, but your screen you may be doing this on purpose, but if not, just wanna flag that. So anyway, we just wanna make sure everybody has that contact list.
And that will always be on the COP. So, you can always check that. And if you need to make changes, you can flag.
You can flag us or your FPO.
I think.
And then Ali Slaughter, as always, will continue to lead our performance.
Work and you'll hear some updates on that in a few minutes.
So with that, I think that's where we are with the staffing updates.
I hand it back over to you, Irene.
Unless it's still on me.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 5:37
Nope. Thank you, Toni.
We're going to talk next about the PY 2025 plan guidance.
Of course, you've started bugging your FPOs about when the TEGL is going is going to be released, and we just want to say that they it's in the last stages of the approval process, though we can't provide you with an actual date that it will be released.
We anticipate some possible dates and Toni, you can tell you a little bit more about that anticipation.
So I'm going to let her speak with me and tell you about it.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 6:10
Thanks Irene.

I appreciate it.
So yes, the allotment TEGL will still be out very shortly.
We're still looking at the end of May, possibly the first week of June.
And you know, I definitely understand. But with the with the apportionments.
Coming at the time that they've come, there's a lag in the process.
So we are working through that.
Get those out there as quickly as possible.
Well, but in the meantime, we definitely still want you to prepare.
Irene will talk a little bit on that sense and we'll be sure to get those allotments out as quickly as possible.
No, last year we were able to get them out by June 30th.
A lot of that was because of the recapture money that was going to be expiring for this year.
You'll probably see kind of a rolling out through the grant office in July.
So just so you can kind of prepare ahead of time.
Time that in reference to these allotments, but they'll be out shortly, working very hard and professionals out on the streets.
Thanks Irene.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 7:18
Oh, thank you, Toni. And I want to let you know, give you a sort of eye on the review process. It may be a quicker turn around for your FPOs to review your package depending on when the TEGL will be released. The review process may look a little different this year I'm going to try to be around to, to walk everyone through the process, but however, the submissions will continue to go through Grants.gov.
We understand that you have some problems when it comes.
To attachments or submitting attachments like your OSRs and things through grants.gov.
Because it gets wonky or it doesn't take enough pages, so you will you. The instructions will be for you to not only submit in grants.gov, but also submit a copy of your packet to your FPO and NOL so that they can make sure that they have your entire package to review and that would be included.
In your any Optional Special Request.
And any other attachments that don't fit into grants.gov.
So it's gonna look a little weird, but be patient.
Be patient with your FPOs.
Be patient with your NOLs.
We'll make sure that you get your approval letters out on time in a timely manner.

Just understand that things are a little different and we will do our best to make sure that you get what you need.
Remember when in your submissions this year you had the opportunity to edit or revise whatever you submitted in your SCSEP state plan and what was submitted in your FOA as a statement of work?
OMB 1205-0040 allows you to do that during the during the annual planning guidance.
So you can do that with these submissions as well.
We're going to have a update on the demogrants from Toni.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 9:27
I am back.
Thank you so much, Irene.
So in reference to the Sector-Based Training Demonstration Grant, that's basically the 9 grantees so doesn't apply for all we have been working just to try to get a next meeting on for June. So we should be sending that out shortly and hopefully most of you were able to attend, but there was.
Joining of the NFJP grantees on sector based training in the healthcare industry.
So that was this Tuesday.
There's another one next Tuesday.
And we are hopefully will be posting these FAQs that just got cleared and we'll be sending out that out this week.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 10:12
Thank you.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 10:19
So people will be getting that shortly.
So at the meeting, we'll go through all other details, but just wanted to give you those like bigger.
Highlights while people were on the call.
All right, that's what I got.
Irene, thank you.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 10:34
Thank you.
There's one other thing I forgot to mention that while you're waiting for the TEGL to be released, there's a few things that you could be doing.
You could look at your indirect cost agreement and cost allocation plan and make sure

that they're still valid and have not expired if they expire.
Please put your paperwork in to get the a new one.
Because you must have one current one in place 90 days after your award. You can also take a look at your OSRs and make sure that they're still relevant.
Some of you submit.
Same ones over and over.
That's fine.
It keeps the word with no one says you needed to be being at the wheel.
But please look, take a look at them and see if they're still relevant and also take a look at your grievance termination and IDL policies and check to see if those are still up to date.
Does your grievance process match your organization chart?
Is it still relevant?
Are they still going to the same people? If your grievance policy says that in order to appeal, they have to write to adult services here at the National Office. It needs to be corrected, and that's all I need to say.
Thank you.
We'll have an update from the communications and outreach training and technical assistance team.
TwoTech, are you ready?

McNeace, Meche - ETA CTR 11:56
That would be Kevin.

Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR 11:57
Yes. Yes, hello everyone.
I'm gonna keep everything very short today because I know we want to get to the peer-to-peer later.
The updates on the community of practice, of course, if you've been there, you've seen that there's been a complete redo and overhaul and refresh of workforce GPS.
It's very exciting.
Everything looks a little bit different. Everything is fresh and new, so if you haven't been there, please go check it out.
And of course, let us know what you think. You can write to us at SCSEPtechnicalassistance@dol.gov . If you're finding things easier to find, harder to find. If you're looking for something that used to be someplace that isn't where it is now. By all means let us know and we can sort of let the developers know your concerns or your praises.

But it is a entirely new look for Workforce GPS and that includes your Community of Practice as well.
The I can move right into the GPMS vLive updates as well as most of you know we have been doing GPMS training modules in the place of vLive this month. We have completed 5 modules so far.
And actually our next module is tomorrow from 2:00 to 3:30.
That's going to deal with exits placements and follow-ups.
But that is the extent of the COP and GPMS updates at this time, and so I'll hand it back to Irene.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 13:36
Thank you, Kevin.
Kevin, Adelia wants you to sit on a cushion.

Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR 13:44
I'm in office today, so I'm looking at three different screens.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 13:49
Will now.
Will now have our GPMS updates.

Lynch, Leila I - ETA CTR 13:56
Good afternoon, everyone.
Today I'll be talking about our upcoming release, technical assistance, tip of the month, and customer satisfaction survey.

Harold, Kenneth (DHSS) 14:05
Running over.
We have some time.

Lynch, Leila I - ETA CTR 14:10
Release 3.5 is scheduled to be deployed this Friday, May 23rd.
With this release, users will be able to attach documents to the help request module.
The help request module will soon be open to all users.
We will send an e-mail shortly with a specific date.
For technical assistance, grantees can begin making allocations of their authorized position for quarter four if needed by Friday, May 30th.
An e-mail will be sent shortly with the details.

We also sent an e-mail to the HRM pilot grantees soliciting feedback on using the HRM.
Remember to share your thoughts and suggestions for improving the module.
This tip of the month is regarding reassigning cases.
Remember to reassign cases to another case manager.
When changing a user's role to read only, when a sub grantee retires or the current assignee is no longer with the program and or your organization.
Customer satisfaction survey on behalf of the Charter Oaks team.
I'd like you to know that the next round of surveys is being prepared.
And instructions will be sent shortly and how to validate cell numbers and host agency and employer emails.
Thanks for listening and I'll turn it back to Irene.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 16:16
Thank you, Leila.
Thank you so much.
We can now go.
We've moved that through that pretty quickly.
We can now move to the grantees highlights, Q&A questions and answers.
Anyone have any questions?
OK, Toni, there was a question that you were gonna address.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 16:31
Yeah, yeah, I see that.
There's a. Yeah, I see.
There's a few in there.
The first one is just to repeat in reference to.
I see Christine clarifying the statement about PY 25. NOA is rolling out in July, so right now I don't have a date on the exact date that the TEGL will come out.
So I can't give you an exact date on when the NOAs will roll out, but what I'm saying is that we anticipate the end of May 1st week of July.
I mean, first week of June.
And then through that process, the your NOA, as will roll out in July, meaning you will start getting those.
You know between June 30th and the end of July, we're trying our best to get everything out there earlier as possible.
But I just want to put that out there so people can start thinking in planning accordingly.
So that's what that means.

And then there was another question where I just lost it.
Will there be an opportunity for state grantees to apply for IT support for GPMS?

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 17:33
Who the?

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 17:38
As of right now, the answer to that is no.
We had two years of opportunities for IT support for when GPMS first started and as of right now, that's not part of the kind of the administration's goals for those funds.
We'll keep you posted if that changes.
But if but for right now, we don't have any that are going out.
At least in the short term.
And there's a question look like mm hmm.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 18:06
And Toni, I can take the question on is the next round of surveys that Lela talked about for PY 23. Those surveys will be for program year 24.
So we finalized PY 23 performance including the participant and host agency surveys.
You should have received that via e-mail a couple weeks ago.
So this next round of host agency participant and employer surveys will be for PY 24.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 18:36
All right.
And then crystal, I see.
Any updates on the sector funds? It was mentioned in the past, yes, in the past we had mentioned the fact that there was a possibility that those additional funds would be.
Add it to the PY 24 funding that was received and as of now, that is not the case.
There isn't any additional funds that are coming, as we said in the last call to please plan on the money that you received and plan your programs based on the funding that has been received.
It's still on the table that there may be some future opportunities, but as of right now, that's where we stand.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 19:18
OK, Toni, there is another one.
What about SCSEP funding? If the NOA comes out in mid-July, that could cause significant concerns from grantees for payroll, etc.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 19:34
So yes, we're definitely aware of that.
The grant office is aware of that.
We are trying to get those out as quickly as possible, but that's why I'm just trying to give you a little bit of a heads up.
It's not a guarantee that that's where it will land, but just wanting people to be aware, as we've done in the past, they come out in, in July and so we just have to kind of make sure that we're prepared for that.
I am fully aware I've expressed it with our leadership.
And, you know, unfortunately this is just.
Part of the challenges of when we get our apportionments.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 20:42
Yeah, it definitely takes.
It definitely takes time.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 20:45
We've tried the last few years to get it out to you as soon as possible, and we've succeeded.
Remember, now we're in. We're also.
We're also looking at what things don't being done differently so.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 21:00
And Irene, I also see that Mary Beth Fields has a question in reference to no cost extensions as an option for GPMS grants. So as a general practice, we don't do no cost extensions, however.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 21:01
Please be patient please.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 21:16
Please, you know, talk with your FPO. If there's some type of, you know, rare circumstance. So the general answer is no.
But obviously there's always something that, you know we hadn't considered.
So please talk to your FPO if you have a specific.
Issue but otherwise, but in general the answer would be no.
No cost extensions when you get your new NOA, you'll be starting the PY 25 aspect of it.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 21:48
There's another question is will the allotment TEGL will change if things change in DC with current talks.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 21:56
Will the allotment TEGL change?

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 22:00
Will it? Will it change?
Will if things change in DC, meaning will anything in the yeah.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 22:07
OK, so as of right now, the allotment.
You know, until it's out. I can't speak to what exactly is going to be in it, but what we anticipate is that it will be no changes to what you guys are used to.
We haven't made any major kinds of changes to the TEGL itself. So all the things that Irene has stated in previous calls of getting ready those items should be the same.
So no change.
I understand what you're saying in reference to, you know, the various DC talks, but no change in our PY 25 allotment, which is using that 25 funding which we currently are still slated to have. There are 25 funding and that's where we're moving forward in that.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 22:56
And also the question is, will the minority report information requirements change?
No, that is regulatory.
That's regulatory requirement.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 23:08
Exactly.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 23:12
Any other questions?

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 23:12
All right.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 23:17
Any other questions?

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 23:17
Alright, doesn't look like there are.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 23:19
OK.
Well, well, so yeah, and.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 23:23
Alright, alright.
Well, we're at 2:55.
Sorry.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 23:27
And Katherine, I'll send those that that to you as well to update your grievance process.
I think that's what you're asking for.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 23:36
And it looks like Crystal has a question before we move into our peer-to-peer.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 23:37
OK.
And look.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 23:43
Crystal you have a question?

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 23:43
Oh, look into it.

Crystal Odom-McKinney 23:47
I'm sorry, I was following up the question with the TEGL.
I think we got it answered. Thanks a lot.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 23:54

You're all set.
All right.
Thanks Crystal.
Good to see you.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 24:00
So if there are no more questions, I want to say anymore no.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 24:00
All right.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 24:07
It has been my honor to amass over 24 years of public service. These last 13 at DOL have been particularly special because of many of you on this call, I learned a lot about this program through your eyes and I cannot name names because I'll forget someone. But I want to say thank you all very much for your camaraderie, the fellowship and the opportunity to serve.
You over the years, please continue that spirit with my colleagues.
The subject matter in today's peer-to-peer is something I've been working towards during my tenure here at DOL collaboration between SCSEP national and state grantees. It is so important for us to pool our resources now more than ever.
So Toni, the next, the next All Grantee Call will be Wednesday, June 18, 2025.
Toni's gonna move us over to the peer-to-peer.
Thank you all so much.
Much from the bottom of my heart.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 25:02
Thank you so much, Irene.
You're making this hard for me not to cry.
All right.

Crystal Odom-McKinney 25:11
Now, can I? Can I say something real quick?

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 25:13
Sure, Crystal.

Crystal Odom-McKinney 25:14

I'm sorry really quick.
I also want to say farewell to everyone.
Thank you.
This is my last call.
This is my last week, seven days and I'm out. But also thank you everyone and keep doing the great things that you do.
I will be cheering from wherever I am and go see Seb. Keep moving mountains.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 25:33
All right. All right, Crystal.
Thank you.
Thank you so much.
You know, you will definitely be missed, and people will feel free to put into the chat.
You can continue sending your well wishes to both Irene and Crystal.
Thank you so much for all the work you do and please know, I know I gotta stick with business so we can move forward. But please know that you know I am in my feelings, in reference to all of this, so I will keep it together with no tears here.
Alright, so peer-to-peer we are up. So I just wanted to start out by saying our peer-to-peer and this is really in reference to.
State and nationals and we really wanted to focus in reference to those partnerships.
We will be this is this peer-to-peer is a little different in the sense that we've attached ourselves to this All Grantee Call.
We wanted to make sure that we had.
An opportunity to discuss this before people got the TEGL so you could be thinking about this as part of your response to the TEGL.
So we will have other peer to peers that may not always look like this, but want it to flag that that was the reason we added this on next slide please.
So today's agenda.
We're going to be focusing on collaboration between SCSEP national and state grantees, and we're excited to explore how we can strengthen these partnerships so they can be even more impactful for our programs. We will use this time to share insights and strategies that will help us work more effectively to support.
Older adults and our in their employment searches.
Next slide please.
So the goal.
So I just want to remind ourselves that our shared goal here is empowering older adults age 55 and older to acquire the necessary skills that will enable them to enter or reenter the workforce.

So strong collaboration is a key enabler of this mission and for this group, we'll want to divide into smaller breakout rooms to encourage more focused and engaging discussions.
And each room will have a set of questions designed to spark conversations.
Our role as facilitators will be to listen, guide the discussion and note key takeaways.
After approximately 40 minutes, we will reconvene in the main room to share insights and discussions on the next steps.
So that's the goal. I do want to just.
Add an additional piece to that before we move to breakout rooms.
Is that what we're finding and what we've been hearing is that grantees, state grantees, and national grantees, there's a lot of opportunities for them and all of you to, you know, collaborate.
A little more than areas that are happening.
Examples of those are things where there's borders and so there's opportunity on state the.
Border area in reference to collaborating on working with grantees there.
You know, just various work in reference to leveraging the work and collaborating with a national and estate. And so we wanted you guys to be thinking about that as you respond to the TEGL that will be coming out soon of ways that you can collaborate or ways that.
If you already are that, you might have some takeaways on things to help improve that collaboration.
As you all know, we're in a very changing climate.
And so the more that we can collaborate and share and leverage resources, yeah, the better for all, especially our participants.
But enough of me talking.
I just want to make sure we're on the same page because it's you that has this experience and so we want to make sure that we had a chance to talk with each other and see what things we can.
Work through so next slide please.
So we're going to do some breakout rooms.
And we have 5 breakout rooms.
5 facilitators and there's a note taker in there, so facilitators and presenters will be randomly assigned to one of these five breakout rooms.
So if you get me, it wasn't planned and you know. Sorry that you got me, but that's just it's as I said, it's just random. If for any reason we happen to leave or drop you or you drop out in reference to a breakout room and need to rejoin?
Just use the same meeting request link that you did to join this original meeting and it'll

bring you back in.
And then if you were in a room and you want to go back to that same room, you can just let Jada know in the chat. She can move you otherwise.
Otherwise she'll just move you randomly.
We don't plan to lose anybody in the process, but we just want to make sure if for any reason you do get disconnected, we can bring you back quickly.
Jada will remain in this main room.
And so she can reassign you know, easily, as I said at the end of the breakout session, everyone will automatically be moved back into the main room and we'll get a countdown.
So you'll know that.
Jada will send a chat about 5 minutes warning and then we'll have a one minute and then a ten second warning.
If there are any questions before we proceed and are there any questions before we proceed into the breakout room?
Just making sure there isn't anything.
If not, we will begin the process of moving you and we'll see you in the breakout room shortly.
So Jada, I'm gonna pass this over to you to start assigning and moving everyone into a random room.

Byrd, Jada M - ETA CTR 31:38
Sounds good.
I'll open the rooms now. Thanks, Toni.

Byrd, Jada M - ETA CTR stopped transcription