All Grantee Call (AGC) Transcript 3.19.2025

Burnett, Lauren S - ETA CTR 0:03
Older Workers COP.
We kindly ask that you keep your microphones muted throughout today's meeting to ensure seamless experience for everyone. Back to you, Toni.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 0:12
Thank you so much, Lauren, and thank you, Kevin.
Appreciate you and the team. All right, so welcome everybody to our SCSEP All Grantee Call.
Hopefully everyone wishing those well.
I know we had a lot of storms over the weekend, so hopefully it's not affecting anybody personally, but just sending some well wishes out to teams and then also to all of our March babies. Just want to send a special happy birthday to you.
Not because it's my birthday month, but because I just want to make sure all March babies have a good. All right, let's do some introductions here for our National Office.
We do have our NOLs.
Irene Adams. Irene, you can wave.
She's our regions for 1,4 and 5.
She's our National Office Liaison.
And then we have Byron Kline.
He's regions 2,3 and 6 National Office Liaison.
Shawnte McGee is out today, but she is doing our NOL support and she's working on helping us put like a portfolio of all the different ATSS projects that are happening.
So we hope that we'll be able to kind of preview that at a later date on some of the interesting projects we have. Ali Slaughter, as you can see, we're in a room right now. So Ali on the team's there.
Please wish her a happy birthday for tomorrow.
And Ali is our GPMS performance lead.
I'm not sure if we have any Federal Project Officers on the call.
But a shout out to those that are here and then for our contractors, we have our GPMS and performance contractors, BCT, Mathematica and Charter Oaks.
You guys can give a wave on those that are here.
So hello. Hi.
Joshua, some of you may be familiar with Joshua.
He is now with the BCT team. Is there?

There is Ron, all right.
I think we've got most and then we have the technical assistance contractors, TwoTech and if you guys can give a way, we have some in the room here.
The fact that we have a room and have technology is a big part of that.
So thank you very much for that.
All right.
And then welcome to all.
I just wanted to first start out by giving us some leadership updates, as I'm sure you're aware, but just in case, DOL has welcomed our new Secretary of Labor, Lori Chavez-DeRemer and she is officially our 30th Secretary of Labor, so just wanted to share that news also President Trump did nominate Henry Mack III to lead ETA as the Assistant Secretary.
And so he'll be leading that. So I just wanted to share some leadership information.
Also, under some program updates, the demonstration projects we have 9 demos.
So some of you grantees on the call are part of those nine wanted to let you know that, as you can imagine, under the new leadership.
It just takes some time for everyone to kind of transfer information in next steps.
So we do apologize for any delays.
Urban institute, who's the evaluators of the program.
There are nine. They had finished four of their calls and then that was put on hold for a minute.
We've just got word that they can resume those calls. Those calls are important because the evaluator will take that information and use it to build out their work plan, which then we can build out ours, meeting any TA meetings, the trainings, etc.
So that's part of what the delay is.
So hopefully that will get started and I'll talk in a bit in reference to GPMS, but they will include some GPMS training on entering for random assignment. So, we'll be sending out a date.
I know that a few of you have a few things. The first week of April, I believe.
Maybe even the 2nd?
So we'll be sure to not plan it then.
We'll look at some alternative dates, so don't worry there. We'll make something that works for the 9.
And we will have like a check in meeting after those calls are done because we'll have more information.
Lastly, I'll say about that is please keep in mind this is a four year grant so this is not the same as your current SCSEP grant, so your outcomes are for the four year, so you know I know some are nervous that as of June they had closed out and all this type of

information is not the same.
So you'll be getting that information, but it's a four year grant, so there's nothing to worry in that in that area.
So just wanted to flag that and we'll have an opportunity to have the meeting to answer like additional questions that they queues and stuff. But just wanted to let you know where we're at on that information today.
Also, moving to GPMS, in addition to the demo training that we would have and we're probably looking at April for that training, but I'll keep you posted.
We will be rolling out for all grantees.
Now we'll be rolling out our GPMS training, which will include the schedule we're hoping to get that all out by the end of next week.
The trainings everything will be taking place between April and May.
A combination of very basic.
So someone who's never used the GPMS will have some recorded packages that we'll be sending out for that.
And then we'll have kind of set modulars on various information.
We'll roll that out.
Some will be recorded, most will be live, but then recorded with the goal that those that can be on live web, the training and then those that either can't be on or where you have to train someone, you have the recording that you can share.
So you don't have to then go train subcontractors or staff that weren't able to attend.
I know that it's been a long time coming.
We've been working really hard to get the system at a place where then we could train properly and so we feel that that we are now finally reaching that stage of this process.
So just wanted to let you know that.
During the leadership transition, right now the newsletter is on hold.
I don't have any guidance if it will continue or not, but I'm referring to our GPMS newsletter.
And until we get guidance on when we can start sending those back out, for now, we have on our COP the GPMS tab that we will still put up any GPMS notes, information, things that you regularly would have found in the newsletter. We just can't have it in a newsletter package.
Hopefully we'll see.
You know, everyone gets settled in and new leadership provides us some guidance.
We'll keep you posted if and when we can resume that, but in the meantime, critical information that would have been in that newsletter will now be just strictly on the COP.
And lastly, before I'll stop to see if there's any questions before moving to grant management updates is that we are still planning on our next peer-to-peer.

We are looking at possibly the end of April. As I said, we are working through all of our trainings and events between now and the end of June and plan to send all of those out by the end of next week.
So you'll be seeing those and it's one of those is the peer-to-peer.
This is the one that we had decided to focus on the States and Nationals being able to meet in best practices in reference to partnerships, ways that they can, you know, leverage their resources and their grants.
So we're going to help facilitate that peer discussion. So with that said, I will stop.
We're now in a room which we're excited about, but it's a little harder for me to see the chat.
So if people can just flag for me, I see that there's a question raised from Rita can't see the name.
All right, let's start there.

Gray, Rita (DOL) 9:20
I am so sorry I didn't.
I did not have a question.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 9:24
Oh, no worries.
They gave me a chance to figure out how it worked for the future. So, thank you.

Gray, Rita (DOL) 9:25
I'll try to get my.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 9:32
Anything in the chat?

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 9:34
No questions in the chat, Toni.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 9:35
We're good.
All right.
I appreciate that feedback, all right.
With that said, if there are no questions.

Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR 9:36
I'm just seeing a hand, is that a question for someone in Boston?

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 9:37
If not, is there a question?

Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR 9:45
An external caller.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 9:50
We have an external caller, so we've gotten that confirmed yet.
We will be doing Q&A at the end, so if we need to kind of tech support on that one, we'll look back around.
Let's look back around.
So in the meantime, while we'll get that confirmed, there's the grant management updates. And so, I'm gonna start out by passing this over to Ali Slaughter, who will be talking about the grant performance evaluation. Ali, you're up.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 10:23
Thanks, Toni, and good afternoon, everyone.
So we have the grantee performance evaluation forthcoming for PY 23, and the grantee performance evaluation is our annual assessment of how a grantee has performed in the core performance measures against the goals that they negotiated with the Department of Labor. And through that evaluation we determine if a grantee has exceeded, met or failed to meet those agreed upon levels of performance.
Due to some new approvals with the customer satisfaction survey, that timeline got pushed back a little bit, which has pushed back our whole process for the PY 23 grantee performance evaluation.
And we plan to publish preliminary results of the evaluation hopefully early next week. I say preliminary because as you may have seen through e-mail, we have two parts of the customer satisfaction survey still out in the field.
One is wave three of the participant survey and then Ron will talk about this a little bit more. But we also had, we also have the host agency survey back out in the field.
So it's preliminary.
All the other core measures are finalized and we have a starting number for that customer satisfaction or effectiveness measure.
And when we receive all of the surveys back and we can calculate that, then those will be wrapped into a final version.

But because we don't anticipate large swings with the customer satisfaction survey, the preliminary version will give you a pretty good sense of where your you fallen on the scale of exceeded meet or failed.
We also are planning to release an updated webcast with information on you know what the evaluation is, how it's calculated and what are some factors that are considered in it.
So we'll provide that on Workforce GPS.
In the meantime, we have the version from PY 22 which is applicable and how it's calculated that you can review on the Community of Practice.
I did just want to take a moment to remind grantees that there are implications for grantee that fails to meet agreed upon levels of performance that are in our regulations, integrity that does fail is required to create a corrective action plan to share how they plan to meet those goals and the following program year and then the department will also provide TA for those grantees.
There is also language about a grantee that fails consecutive times or multiple times in a row, for national grantees that's four times. If you fail 4 consecutive times, you're not able to compete in the next national competition. And for state grantee, if you fail 3 consecutive years, then you have to compete out your funds to another state agency or nonprofit.
So that will all be again in our updated webcast that will be coming out with.
But I wanted to let you know that's forthcoming.
We hope to have the final version around mid-April, so if you did fail in the final version, you'll receive a letter with instructions on that corrective action plan. But this preliminary version will give you a good sense of where you're at and can help you plan for PY 24, which is coming to an end and will freeze final data in September of 2025.
All right.
With that, I will hand it back to Toni.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 14:00
All right.
Thank you so much, Ali.
I'm gonna stop there for a minute and see if there are any questions or anything in the chat.
All right. If not, I'm going to move us over to Irene.
Irene's going to talk to us on an update about the PY 25 planning guidance and then she has some information about our grant closeout concert.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 14:25
Good afternoon, everyone.
Happy March and Happy Spring tomorrow.
For the PY 2025 planning guidance, of course, at this time of year, I usually tell you that the planning guidance, the TEGL is now in the approval process and so understand.
Give us a little patience that we have new folks that are reviewing it.
So it may take a little time, but however we do have it in approval process and it'll be out as soon as we get it in our hot little hands with signatures on it, but there are some things, as I always remind you, there's some things that you can be doing while you wait patiently for this to come out.
First thing is if your Indirect Cost Rate or your NICRA or your Cost Allocation Plan expires June 30th, you could be dusting that off and resubmitting.
Remember, the agencies that you're submitting to may have these delay issues as well, so get them in so that your NICRA, your Indirect Cost Rate is in place within 90 days of your PY 2025 award.
Grievance, IDL, and termination policies.
During the competition, we asked the Nationals in response to TEGL 23 13 change one to submit to take a look at their grievance IDL and termination policies and make sure that they are the ones that they want in place and that they are not that they do not contain outdated information. One of the outdated, one of the biggest pieces of outdated information is in regard to the Civil Rights center.
That's new contact information, so if you're grievance policy, has the old contact information, then it needs to be updated.
Also, your termination policies and your IDL policies if you need to change them, this is the time to do it.
Also, about your grievance policies, major things is that your grievance process needs to be consistent with your organization chart. Too many times we're looking at grievance policies and participants are really confused about who they should take their next steps to.
So, and it's usually because the information in the grievance policy is not consistent to the actual. So, we need you to take a look at those grievance policies, dust them off and make sure that they are in line with your organization chart, and they have the new CRC information attached to them.
ATSS, for those of you who submitted 4 year ATSS take a look at them.
Make sure they're still within the scope of what you want to do.
We understand that you don't have the budget yet, but if you want to make any changes, now's the time to have your NOL and FPO look at those and make sure that you're still in line with everything.

You know, if you're in one and five, you know that I love to get them ahead of time.
And then take a look at them so that I can have you correct anything so that they're easy to get through at the time when the grant officer needs to sign off on them.
So this is the time to take a look at them and review them.
And I believe that's it for the TEGL. If anybody has any questions of course, I can't tell you exactly what's in the TEGL, but we will probably be asking the states to submit those grievance, IDL, and termination policies.
During the region 5 convening, we had this fabulous presentation by Charles Cox, who is in our close out office.
Region 4 grantees may know him as an FPO for region 4.
But now he's up here in the National Office in closeout, and he presented a nice presentation on the closeout process. So, if you're having trouble understanding the closeout process or if you want to get ready for that cause we will be closing out PY 2024 soon enough, take a look at that. We have it posted now on the SCSEP Community of Practice, and you can go in and take a look and see if it's understandable. If you have any questions about it, please contact your NOL and FPO.
We'll be happy to assist you with those things.
Thank you very much.
And March Madness is real.
And back to you, Toni.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 19:12
All right.
Thank you so much, Irene.
You know, I appreciate you all right.
Are there any questions?
It looks like there is.
Yeah. I'm sorry.

Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR 19:24
Olga is asking what is PY 25 funding level and are we level funded?

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 19:26
Yes. So as part of all of that went down with the potential shutdown.
The budget was signed, and we are at level funding.
So that's the 405 million for right now. We're still at level funding and that goes into September 30th. So, that's what we are working.
Any other questions?

Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR 19:43
Lisa asked. Is this closeout specific to SCSEP programs?

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 19:50
No, it was for any grant.
But we sort of tailored it for SCSEP.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 19:56
Yes, no, good question.
Yeah, all close out.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 20:05
Close out is close out.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 20:07
Yeah, all the details and I can't stress enough please make sure for your closeout. We are not able to approve these projects after the fact and there is no waivers.
For there was just no waivers that there had been in the past under COVID etc.
So please plan accordingly and make sure you stay in communication with your FPO so that you don't run into any of these challenges in the close out period when it's a little harder to make changes.
So just wanted to underscore that.
All right, if there's no other questions in the chat or hands.

Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR 20:52
Christine had a statement.
Yeah, the funding for PY 25 for SCSEP in the CR that ends on September 30th is good from July 1st, 25 to June 30th 26, I believe.

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 21:05
That's correct.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 21:06
That is correct.
Sorry if I confused anyone, but that is correct.
All right. So, with no other questions or comments, we're going to then move over to

communication outreach and our technical assistance.
So I'm going to pass it to our TA team starting with Kevin. Thanks, Kevin.

Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR 21:35
Thank you, Toni.
Today, I just wanted to take the time to remind everyone if you or any of your sub grantees are not already registered with Workforce GPS and subscribed to the Older Workers Community of Practice, we want to urge you to make sure that you have done both of those things. We do have a step-by-step process that we outlined in the grantee orientation last month. And so if you're looking for the process on how to get that completed and again make sure you're not only registered with Workforce GPS, but that you also subscribe to the alerts and become a member of the Older Workers Community of Practice, you can go review those sort of step by step process.
It's front and center on our front page under the grantee orientation page.
And if you do need additional help, you can always e-mail SCSEP Technical Assistance and we'll be happy to sort of walk you through that process as well, because we want all of you to be members of the Community of Practice.
So that's all I wanted to say this month I can hand things over to Michi for GPMS vLive updates.

McNeace, Meche - ETA CTR 22:50
Kevin, good afternoon everybody.
It's good to see you, and like everyone said, Happy Spring.
I just want to share that the GPMS Virtual Office Hours or GPMS vLive, it continues to be a very highly successful and valuable resource for the GPMS users.
Is held twice monthly on Wednesdays from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Eastern Time and has consistently attracts around an average of 80 participants or 80 users per session. We know that earlier during the initial roll out of vLive we were seeing more like 150 a 175 users each session.
But even though it is tapered down a bit, but we still have a high number of users joining us and demonstrating really strong engagement during our most recent office hours, which was last week, we had about 80 end users joined us.
We fill the full 90 minutes due to us reviewing the most recent release notes and showing some of the enhancements and or fixes that are in GPMS. And then of course the questions and discussions.
These sessions do continue to provide a platform for users to receive assistance.
Learn about new GPMS features and updates and share knowledge as well. So saying that, it solidifies that GPMS vLive is still a great platform for our GPMS user support and

of course GPMS community building.
So I want to say thank you to all of you grantees out there for encouraging your users to join the vLive.
And that's all I have to say.
And then I'm going to pass it back over to Toni.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 24:39
Thank you so much Michi.
Thank you so much for the vLive team for the great work that they're doing on that.
I know that that's been a great resource for many, so definitely appreciate that.
All right. If there are no questions.
No hands raised or anything in the chat.
For that, I'm going to move us on over to our GPMS updates.
So I'm going to pass it over to our performance team and I'm going to start out with Leila and Josh, if you guys can get us started.

Lynch, Leila I - ETA CTR 25:15
Good afternoon, everyone.
Thank you for joining us today and we have some important topics to cover.
These include the latest release, technical assistance tip of the month and the introduction of the help request module.
We have successfully deployed release 3.3 in GPMS since our last session.
With this release, the system automatically checks the correct urban rural button on the characteristics page based on the ZIP code in the address field.
Users where the role of supervisor and above can now override the eligibility determination when approving a recertification.
Users will no longer receive notifications for participants they do not serve. Yay.

Lynch, Leila I - ETA CTR 26:19
A copy of the release notes was sent to the user community and is also available on the SCSEP help website for technical assistance.
The QPRs for quarter two PY 24 are not frozen.
When the freezing process was executed on March 8, we noticed that section D2D, which is the percentage of placements in the second and fourth quarters with the same employer in the QPR, is not correct.
It has currently been addressed and will be deployed to production in the hot fix when resolved.

After the deployment of the solution to production, the QPRs will be regenerated and then frozen.
As always the user community will be notified of the date when the QPRs will be frozen.
Tip of the month.
We have a crucial reminder regarding new uses in GPMS.
To expedite the addition of new users in GPMS, grantee administrators should verify the new user has completed the new user request process before grantee administrator submit the request in Zendesk.
We recommend that the grantee administrator request a success screenshot as proof that the new user has completed the new user application process.
This sequence of events avoid delays in the addition of the new user process and allows the candidate to be able to access GPMS in a short timeframe.
Now my colleague Joshua Wadsworth will give you a presentation on the help request module.
Joshua, over to you.
Thank you.

Joshua Wadsworth 28:59
Hi everybody.
Thanks, Leila.
I'm really excited today to have the opportunity to introduce a new feature that is going to be deployed shortly in the GPMS system and as you see from that agenda and the introduction that that new feature is a help request module.
The GPMS help request module is going to be replacing Zendesk as the tool for grantees, sub grantees, GPMS users to submit requests if they encounter an issue, need assistance with something and interact with the help support team to get those issues resolved.
We're ready to begin piloting this new feature following the next hotfix which is coming up.
And we're really excited about this feature being added to the system because we think it's gonna add a lot of value and benefits to our GPMS users compared to the current Zendesk system.
First, because it's integrated into GPMS, all of the users will have easy access to everything in one place, and they won't need to go to a separate system to submit help requests when they encounter an issue or an error in the GPMS system.
But one of the things we're most excited about is that this help request module is gonna provide much greater transparency and a lot greater resources for grantees and their users.

Because users are gonna be able to view all of their requests or tickets in the system so that they can monitor progress on those tickets and correspond directly with the help support team therein the GPMS system without having to go to another site. Then users are gonna be able to search and filter all of their open and pass requests so that you'll have more access to all the history and knowledge that's contained within those help requests and the correspondence with the help support team to get those issues resolved.
As we move forward with this pilot program, we've selected a small number of state and national grantees to be a pilot for this group.
We chose grantees based on the volume and the variety of help request topics that they typically submit so that we can have a robust pilot in a relatively short period of time.
We'll be notifying those grantees shortly and providing a user guide with documentation prior to use the help request module and all the instructions that they'll need to get started.
With the help of these pilot grantees, we expect to make any revisions or modifications to finalize this help request module very quickly and get that user documentation, user guide documentation and instructions updated.
And then we expected that we'll be transitioning all of the remaining grantees into the help request module and then stopping the use of the Zendesk system for our help requests.
So if you haven't been selected for the pilot, don't worry, we expect to be transitioning everyone into that new system very quickly.
And just one important note is that we're not able to limit access to this help request module in the system based on grantee or user role.
So during the pilot, the HRM is gonna be visible to all users.
So please don't use the HRM to submit help requests until you've been notified that we're ready for you to do so.
So for all grantees, please continue to use the Zendesk to submit requests until further notice, but we're really excited to be bringing everybody into his new module here soon.
So thanks. I believe I'm handing it over to Ron now.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 33:12
And Joshua, before we move over to Ron, thank you so much for your presentation.

Joshua Wadsworth 33:14
Yes.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 33:16

We're really excited about this new module.
I do have a question in the chat for you with the help request module. Would requests need to be submitted by the administrator or can the supervisor level submit requests?

Joshua Wadsworth 33:29
That's a great question.
The module is configured to that all users can submit requests.
I believe there will still be some restrictions, for example like a locked records request has a restriction. That has to come from a grantee administrator, but definitely that benefit that we want all users to be able to submit requests that they're able to submit.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 33:53
Great. Thank you.
And I don't see any other questions if there are any more on the HRM, we can address those at the end, but with that we can move over to Ron. Thanks again, Joshua.

Ron Schack 34:04
Thanks. Thanks Joshua. Thanks Ali.
So Ali went over the status of the grantee performance evaluation and we'll be getting out those preliminary results very soon.
She also mentioned the delay in the host agency survey. Right now we have the wave three of the participant survey in the field, and we're compiling those results and.
We had a technical issue with the host agency digital survey that prevented us from linking the responses to the appropriate grantee, so that of course made it difficult for us to use those results to actually compile an ACSI score for each grantee.
So that's why we had to go out in the field again with the host agency survey with an explanatory note to the potential respondents. So if any respondent sends something to you that says hey, is this for real, it is for real.
We had to ask people to fill the survey out again.
It's unfortunate, but hopefully people will take the time to happily complete the survey one more time.
And once we get those back, then we'll roll the final results from both the host agency survey and the customer satisfaction survey into the finalized version of the grantee performance evaluation.
We're also actively working on the minority report now.
For both participation and outcomes, and that should be ready by the end of April in time for you to look at for your grant application process.
That's all I have.

And I think it's back to Toni, right?
Great.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 36:08
Yes, thank you so much, Ron.
Appreciate that information.
Alrighty. So, we are now getting down to our just any grantee highlights or Q&A.
So just checking to see if there is anything in the chat or any hands up in reference. Any questions that we may not have answered along the way.
Doesn't have to be questions.
Anything you guys also would like to highlight that you might be doing that you want to share.
It's alright if not just checking now. We're gonna give it a once, twice, three times a charm moment.
Looks like there is a question.
Lisa once again, I need new glasses.
I can't see the name. Lisa.
Lisa, you can ask your question or your comment.

Gerrard, Lisa 37:06
Hi I know it was kinda sorry it took me a minute.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 37:07
There you go. There you go.

Gerrard, Lisa 37:11
So I know it was mentioned about the QPR for quarter two not freezing yet and that we would be notified. But is there any kind of time frame on that?

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 37:25
Hi, Lisa.
Leila, you wanna go ahead and answer?

Gerrard, Lisa 37:27
Hi Ali.

Lynch, Leila I - ETA CTR 37:29

Unfortunately, we have not a definitive date yet, but we expect it to be done very quickly and as soon as we know the date, we'll let you know.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 37:41
Hoping for within this month, Lisa, I'll give.

Gerrard, Lisa 37:41
OK.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 37:44
I'll give that much of a timeline within the month of March.

Gerrard, Lisa 37:47
OK.
Well, the only reason I ask is part of monitoring is included.
You know, I have to go back to that quarter. So, I'm just holding off completing my monitoring until the QPR freezes.
So if it's by the end of the month, I should be OK cause I have 30 days to do my report.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 38:06
OK.
OK. You still can pull a QPR in the system right now.
So you can still access it, you just can't access a frozen QPR. You'd have to run one and generate it internally.

Gerrard, Lisa 38:18
Got it.
OK.
Thank you.

Slaughter, Alison S - ETA 38:20
Thanks Lisa.
Thanks, Leila.

Lynch, Leila I - ETA CTR 38:23
Sure.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 38:23

Thank you guys.
All right.
I do see that there's a few questions.
One is in reference to the funding.
So just to clarify, so there's no miscommunication there, the funding for PY 25 for SCSEP
That is level funding.
And that covers July 1, 2025 to June 30th, 2026 and the next the CR goes until September 30th.
So we'll see what are any changes at that time, but that is where we are at in reference to our budget right now.
Alright, other questions.
Let's see, there was a question in reference to the demo sector. If I can go over that information, I'm gonna do that. And then there's a question on the minority report. If you can look at that team and answer that one right after in reference to.

Fields, Mary Beth 39:24
I'm gonna turn this up. Just cause. I have a question I need to ask them even though that.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 39:26
All right. If we can just be on mute for a second.
So I see here, I'm gonna first answer the question about the sector strategy.
So we'll just, I guess miss that and just wanted to get some clarification once again for those nine demo grantees.
I see the way that works is that Urban Institute does the, they do calls with each of the 9 grantees to kind of think of it almost like an assessment on where everybody's at, what they're doing, etcetera. We then get the official work plan from that information and that is what we'll be meeting with you on in reference to the next steps.
So that was put on pause during the transition.
Only four of the nine, and that is now continuing, probably in the next week or so, they'll start making those calls again. Once those are finished, then we can have a kind of a regroup session with the 9 grantees.
Is followed by GPMS training on entering the data for random assignment and those things will go over. Lastly, on that wanted to remind everyone it's a four-year grant unlike the other grants where it's on an annual basis.
So like outcomes and things of close out is in four years. So, they don’t want you to kind of panic that you have outcomes right now.

We'll know that after they do these assessment calls, you'll be able to give you those findings.
Hopefully that helped answer OK.
What next questions do we have?

Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR 41:10
Crystal asked minority report clarifying question does anything coming out of the new administration impact continuing of SCSEP minority report?
Are we to continue until told otherwise?

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 41:21
So yes, we are to continue until told otherwise.
Right now this is all considered statutory.
And so the guidance is basically statutory versus non statutory.
So this goes into that category. I have no guidance on what will happen after that, but for right now, we are continuing based on the statutory limits.
Good question.

Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR 41:51
David Bassett asked, I'm sorry, he said great news.
Nikki asked, has anyone heard about FPO changes?

Adams, Anita (Irene) - ETA 42:01
What do you mean?

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 42:05
No, we usually get an update.
I do know we're about to do another like outreach both for grantees, and we also check in reference to FPOs.
So we'll let you know if there's any change, but right now, I don't believe that there's anything that has changed outside of what is on our COP.
So we have our most updated list, so please check that that is the most current one that we are aware of as of right now.
And Jada, who does the list, is nodding that yes, that's the most up to date.

Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR 42:45
Mary Beth asked.

Are sub recipients required to keep paper files on participants, or can everything be electronically filed in a data system?

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 42:59
I'm trying to figure if I can, in like what context?

McNeace, Meche - ETA CTR 43:00
Toni, I can answer that.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 43:05
Thank you.

McNeace, Meche - ETA CTR 43:05
So the answer is yes, you know, due to the paperwork on the Paperwork Reduction Act, so grantees can have electronic files if they wish to have those as long as the electronic files are accessible during any federal monitoring.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 43:23
But it sounds like the questions can indicate paper though, right?

Fields, Mary Beth 43:23
So can I ask?
Can I ask a follow up question?
This is Mary Beth from South Carolina. We're looking at we have a new program manager in our SCSEP program.
And so we're looking at no longer having to go to pull paper files to review to look at IEPs as we're going out and monitoring and requiring our sub recipient to load everything up into the system.
And so I don't know, do we have to have a paper file or can everything be done like, you know, signed things that they have to sign? Can all that be just scanned and uploaded into a system and kind of do away with the old school paper file is what I'm asking?
We could still do all the required paperwork; we just wouldn't keep a paper file in a file cabinet. It'd be in a secure system.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 44:18
Right. So, my understanding is that.

McNeace, Meche - ETA CTR 44:18

Yes.
No, no. I think we're going to say the same thing.
So the answer would still be yes.

Fields, Mary Beth 44:26
Yes, we're required for paper files.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 44:26
Yes.

McNeace, Meche - ETA CTR 44:28
No, you do.
You can have everything electronic.

Fields, Mary Beth 44:30
OK, awesome. Thank you.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 44:31
Right and right.

McNeace, Meche - ETA CTR 44:31
But you.
But then you got to think about, and I think maybe Toni might be going here.
I don't know, Toni, you got to think about what is your backup should anything happen to those electronic files?
You know, systems do go down so.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 44:45
Yeah, but paper, paper things can happen too.
But they elect electronic file is appropriate.
Just make sure you keep your things safe, and you know, available just as you would with paper.

Fields, Mary Beth 44:57
So it's not an internal system, it's a case management system that everything would be loaded into.
That's hosted on a web page, and you know I don't know. I'm not an IT person, but OK.
Thank you.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 45:14
Mary Beth, I would encourage you to talk this through with your FPO just to make sure that that you know you're not having any concerns in reference to PII or just in reference to the security of your system.

Fields, Mary Beth 45:26
OK.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 45:26
So you might just want to like kind of talk through what you're describing.

Fields, Mary Beth 45:28
OK.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 45:30
An electronic system is appropriate, so that part is fine.
I just want to make sure that you have something that's safe in the air and your FPO might at least be able to like kind of walk through.

Fields, Mary Beth 45:34
OK.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 45:42
If they were new doing a monitoring visit what they will be looking at.

Fields, Mary Beth 45:46
Older Americans act system, which also has to meet security regulations for that, and PII still need to follow through with the FPO.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 45:53
All of that would still.
Yes, all that still apply, so yes.

Fields, Mary Beth 45:58
OK.
All right.
Thank you.

Wilson, Toni K - SCSEP 46:01
You're welcome.
Alright, we have other questions. OK. Looks like there's no other questions. Last call.
All right. If not, our next meeting is April 16th.
So hopefully everyone will have their taxes done at that point and we can celebrate all the April birthdays and then hopefully we'll also have the schedule at that time of all the events that are coming up, so we can kind of walk through that too. If any questions or anything of that sort.
So in the meantime, you know, please stay in contact with your FPOs. I know things are changing and so please make sure that you stay in communication in reference to any new information or guidance. We encourage you to do that. All right.
Thank you everyone.
Appreciate all the work that's being done and thank you again.
From myself and the team. Have a good day.
OK.

Mauro, Kevin M - ETA CTR stopped transcription