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ROMA Next Generation COE

National Update Webinar

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Agenda

1. ROMA Goals Revisions
2. TOC Revisions
3. Family Level NPI Revisions
4. Community Level NPI Revisions
5. Section E Revisions
6. Next Steps



Six National ROMA Goals

Six National Goals - Pilot

| Six National Goals | Revised Goals |
|---|---|
| 1. Low-income people become more self-sufficient. | People with low incomes become more self-sufficient. |
| 2. The conditions in which low-income people live are improved. | Community Action joins with other community stakeholders to improve the conditions in which people with low incomes live. |
| 3. Low-income people own a stake in their community. | People with low incomes own a stake in their community. |
| 4. Partnerships among supporters and providers of services to low-income people are achieved. | Community Action partners with supporters and providers of services to achieve results for people with low incomes. |
| 5. Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results. | Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results. |
| 6. Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive | People with low incomes, especially vulnerable populations, become more stable. |

Goal Four – Additional Revisions?



- Original:** Partnerships among supporters and providers of services to low-income people are achieved
- Draft for pilots:** Community Action partners with supporters and providers of services to achieve results for people with low incomes.
- Proposed Revised:** Community Action works through partnerships and other collective community efforts to achieve results.
- Proposed Alternate:** Community Action works through partnerships and other collaborative community efforts to achieve results.



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TOC Revisions

National TOC Design Simplification

- Decrease in text
- Decrease in graphics
- Through linking to supplemental information:
 - Retains current elements demonstrating the unique nature of the Community Action Model
 - Connects to ROMA Goals and NPIs

Introduction of Local TOC Template

- Includes same TOC categories as featured in the National TOC
- Includes the national goals:
 - Family Self-Sufficiency
 - Revitalized Communities
- Accompanied by a DRAFT TOC Toolkit



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Family Level NPI Revisions

New Order – Emergency First

- While it is important for our network to have “movement toward self sufficiency” as Goal Number One, we can report on our outcomes in a different order to help tell our story.
- Most agencies feel that emergency (or stabilization) services must be the first step in addressing the needs of the families and individuals they serve. (See TOC)
- There is a recognition that these services may not produce a movement toward self sufficiency, but they do prevent a negative change or maintain status.

We need follow up with those receiving the service to have evidence that this assumption is true.

Vulnerable Populations

- Children and youth
- Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities who need assistance to maintain independence
- Families who have dependant care needs that prevent them from moving toward self sufficiency

Services for vulnerable populations can produce outcomes for the family (ability to go to school or get a job) **and** for the individual receiving care (safe, appropriate care).

...Of Those Working Toward Self-Sufficiency

- How many moved up in FPL?
- How many reduced use of public benefits? *These will be a sub set of all who are participating in the agency's services.*
- How many achieved an outcome in one of the domains that are identified in Section E – *which are documented to be factors in reducing poverty*

Bundled Services

- Identify the group of participants in the agency who receive multiple, sequenced, coordinated services
- Identify the set of services
- Identify the demographics
- Identify those who achieve outcomes in multiple domains



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Community Level NPI Revisions

Choice Neighborhoods Categories



- Developmental Assets
- Commercial Assets
- Recreational Assets
- Physical Assets
- Social Assets

Opportunities? Projects? And more!

- Currently, number of opportunities is not universally applied across the country
- Community Action needs ability to receive credit for the impact of maintenance
- We must begin to gather baseline data on “collective impact” efforts within Community Action



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Section E Revisions

Reporting Background



- The premise of the classification of CSBG services upon which the CSBG/IS has been based is that all projects funded with CSBG funds fit into one of the categories mentioned in the CSBG Act.
- As some states have developed initiatives that do not fit neatly in these categories but are designed to eliminate a cause of poverty, two more categories (*Self-Sufficiency and Health*) have been developed for the CSBG/IS and a third (*Other*) may be used to report significant initiatives in your state which do not fit the nine categories offered.

Refining Categories

□ Emergency Services

- Adding a category for "disaster" which would include direct services and disaster preparedness activities with the community?
- "Emergency Services" should acknowledge that many services (such as food box or voucher) are provided to families that come back month after month, which makes them stabilization services?
- **Emergency and Stabilization (update)**
- **Disaster (new)**

Refining Categories, cont.

□ Linkages – What's the intent?

- Creating and maintaining partnerships and coalitions in the community
- Engaging in community planning
- Coordination of services at the community level
- Information and Referral services to individuals and families
- Some administrative/upper management activities

Refining Categories, cont.



□ Linkages, cont.

- Several types of support services theoretically can be provided for each of the nine CSBG categories. For example, **transportation** can be a support service to a project in the education and nutrition categories, and **information-and-referral** can be a support service in the employment and housing categories.
- Comprehensive transportation and information and referral projects that serve several of the primary categories should be included in the **Linkages Service category** *only if they operate as a separate administrative or program unit. If they are support activities, put them in with the primary project or program supported.*

Refining Categories, cont.

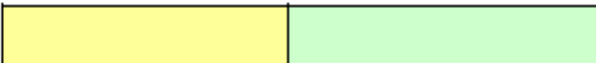
□ Linkages = Community Level Activities

(update)

- Money to support participation in planning and/or coordinating services for low-income groups should be included in the Linkages service category
- Statewide brokerage/advocacy projects, statewide study grants, and funding for statewide forums, conferences, or coalitions should be included

Where is Admin Now?

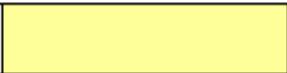
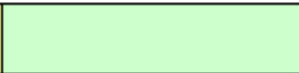
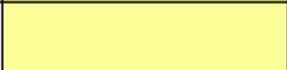
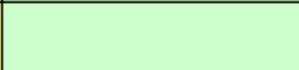
□ It is a subset of Section E Reporting

Of the CSBG funds reported above  *** were for administration.

Please consult the instructions regarding what constitutes "administration" (Pg. 20)



Table 2: Of the funding listed in Table 1: Funds for Services by Demographic Category, FY 2009

| Demographic Category | A.) CSBG Funds | B.) CSBG ARRA Funds |
|--|--|---|
| 1. Youth (Individuals aged 12 to 18) |  |  |
| 2. Seniors (Individuals aged 55 and up) |  |  |

Admin vs. Agency Capacity

- **PLEASE NOTE:** It is important to remember that all indirect expenses are not “administration,” especially if they are paying for the salaries of persons engaged in making linkages that mobilize funds or coordinate programs. **(IM 37)**
- CSBG is unique among federal programs in part because “**linkages**” is a service CSBG funds, not an administrative item.
- When CSBG provides administrative funding for **programs of other community organizations** because there is a **partnership** with the sub grantee's own programs, these expenses may well be either “Linkages” projects or classified as the type of program being operated with the funds.

Refining Categories, cont.

□ Agency Capacity Building

- Cost of doing needs assessment
- Cost of doing strategic planning
- Support of tripartite board
- Support of community engagement and input
- Development of partnerships and coalitions
- Development of community level strategies

Refining Categories, cont.

□ Case Management

- “Case management” meaning a “generic” case management rather than case management for one of the service categories, such as HUD Housing programs
- Currently reported two main places: under *Linkages* and also under *Self Sufficiency*
- If we are trying to benchmark our networks “**bundled services**” we need to clarify where these kinds of services are being reported.

Section E: CSBG Expenditures by Service Category

Agency Reporting:

Table 1: Total amount of CSBG funds expended in FY 20xx by Service Category

| Service Category | CSBG Funds | |
|---|------------|--|
| 1. Employment | | |
| 2. Education | | |
| 3. Income Management | | |
| 4. Housing | | |
| 5. Nutrition | | |
| 6. Health | | |
| 7. Casemanagement/Family Development | | involves multiple service c formerly Self Sufficiency |
| 8. Emergency and Stabilization Services | | |
| 9. Disaster Services | | |
| 10. Linkages | | community level linkages, Individual linkages repored |
| 11. Organizational Capacity | | |
| 12. Administration | | as defined in IM 37 can be administration of ar |
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| Totals | \$0 | |

Table 2: Identification of CSBG Funds that were used in the categories identified above for community outcomes.

| Of the funding listed in Table 1, the funds used for community level work | CSBG Funds |
|---|------------|
| Funds associated with community outcomes reported in NPI Goals 2, 3 or 4 | |

Connecting to CSBG \$ to the NPIs

- Do we add to the Guide/IS directions, suggestions about making connection between service categories and NPIs?
- Base on existing models already being used
- Some changes to the NPIs to include a question about use of CSBG \$



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Next Steps

- Refine National TOC revisions for review and comment
- Test Local TOC Template and Toolkit
- Survey on community level reporting
- Revisit Community Level NPIs
- National survey on current proposed revisions
- Update CSBG IS Instructions, Lexicon, etc.
- ROMA Next Gen curriculum review

Important Dates

- July 29th – NASCS Monitoring Workgroup Mtg.
- July 31st – National Update Webinar
- August 27th – ROMA Focused Monitoring Webinar
- August 29th – National Update Webinar

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