Understanding the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) and Developing Differential Metrics to Strengthen the Effectiveness of TANF Programs

Agenda

8:30 a.m-8:40 a.m. Welcome

Speaker: Mark Greenberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Administration

for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

8:40 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Overview of the Supplemental Poverty Measure

Speakers: Dr. Kathleen Short, U.S. Census Bureau

George Falco, Commissioner's Office, New York State Office of

Temporary and Disability Assistance

During this session participants will receive an overview of the U.S. Department of Commerce's new Supplemental Poverty Measure proposed by the Obama Administration that is being released in Fall 2011. Additionally, participants will receive an overview of New York State's supplemental poverty measure and hear recommendations and strategies on how states can design and produce a National Academy of Sciences-type measure for better assessing poverty at the state and local levels.

9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. States' Use of Supplemental Poverty Measures and Differential Metrics

Speakers: Dr. Jeanette Hercik, ICF International
Dr. Heather Hahn. Urban Institute

During this session, participants will be provided with an overview of the national context for differential metrics and hear presentations from national TANF experts and researchers on differential metrics in TANF programming and using supplemental poverty measures to understand poverty levels at the state and local levels. The presenters will discuss state use of poverty data and differential metrics and data differentials and provide an overview of current State TANF performance measures. Participants will receive more information on a project being conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation on current State TANF performance measures and get an overview of States' current use and application of differential metrics.

10:20 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. State Representatives Share Lessons Learned from Developing and

Implementing Differential Metrics

Facilitator: Dr. Jeanette Hercik, ICF International

During this session, participants will engage directly with peers and hear from a panel of state representatives that will share their experiences collecting, implementing, and utilizing differential metrics. Session participants will engage in dialogue with peer programs about differential metrics developed or utilized across the nation and gain a better understanding of different performance measures for TANF programs and TANF participants.

Panelists: Mark Kleczewski, Program Assessment and Integrity Division,

Minnesota Department of Human Services

George Falco, Commissioner's Office, New York State Office of Temporary

and Disability Assistance

Dave Dlugolecki, Director, Bureau of Data Management and Analysis,

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance **Ruben Garcia**, Manager, Automated Student Follow-Up, Labor Market and Career Information, Texas Workforce Commission

11:30 a.m.-Noon Facilitated Dialogue

Session participants will have the opportunity to learn from their peers and dialogue with researchers and panelists around what they are developing or utilizing in their states.