**Training Course in MCH Epidemiology**

**Minneapolis, June 3 PM, 2011**

**Approaches for Priority-Setting Group Exercise**

This afternoon’s lecture outlined the process that Georgia underwent to develop an initial list of issues to be prioritized for their 2010 Needs Assessment (***Approaches for Priority-Setting*,** slides 73-75. The process resulted in 44 needs, from which 9 were selected as state priorities using a process we will discuss later.

Using select quantitative data sources that were provided to stakeholders in GA during this process, you will work in a group of about 8 people to construct and carry out a method for selecting 8-10 top priorities for the state from the 18 top-rated needs in Georgia (narrowed down from 44 due to time constraints). After the exercise, we will compare your group’s list of 8-10 needs to the final list of 9 generated by the Georgia team.

You will have the following resources available to you:

* List of the top 18 MCH/CSHCN Needs prioritized by the Georgia team (see p2 below)
* Quantitative data sheets related to the 18 top priority needs (2 copies per group)
* Title V National Performance and Outcome Measures for Georgia (see pp 3-4 below)

Your group can choose one or more of the following criteria to develop and carry out a quantitative approach that results in the selection of the 8-10 most important needs for Georgia:

1. Magnitude
2. Trend
3. Severity
4. Preventability
5. Goals
6. Priorities
7. Acceptability
8. Other criteria of your choice

By the end of the time period, your group should be prepared to share with the rest of the participants your answers to the following questions:

a. What were the 8-10 top priorities chosen by your group?

b. What were the steps in your analytic strategy for priority-setting? Please include the rationale for each step and the pros and cons of your strategy.

c. What were the limitations of the data that were provided to you?

d. What other pieces of data would have made your priority-setting process more informed?

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**Georgia Top 18 Priority Needs by MCH Population Group**

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| **Pregnant Women, Mothers, and Women of Child-Bearing Age** | **Infants**  **(Under 1)** | **Children**  **(1-21)** | **Adolescents** | **CSHCN** | **Cross-Cutting Issues** |
| * Reduce the rate of unintended pregnancy among all women under 25 years of age * Increase the percent of pregnant women who receive adequate prenatal care * Increase the availability of family planning services * Reduce the rate of maternal mortality * Increase awareness of the need for preconception health care among women of childbearing age | * Ensure that infants are raised in a safe environment that reduces injury * Decrease the infant mortality rate * Decrease the rate of deliveries resulting in infants weighing less than 2,500 grams | * Decrease rates of obesity among children and adolescents * Increase developmental screening for children in need * Improve childhood nutrition | * Reduce the adolescent pregnancy rate, especially among Hispanic adolescents * Reduce repeat adolescent pregnancy * Reduce motor vehicle crash mortality among adolescents 15 to 17 years of age including increase seat belt use. * Reduce risk‐taking behaviors among adolescents through education and injury prevention messages | * Increase the percent of children, including children with special health care needs, who have a medical home. * Increase the number of qualified medical providers who accept Medicaid and who serve children with special health care needs. | * Improve the maternal and child health surveillance and evaluation infrastructure |

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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | Indicators for the annual reporting year may be unavailable or provisional at the time of reporting and may be updated or finalized throughout the year. Please contact the State for details about the indicator data. Objectives for 2014 were not provided by states for the 2011 application, since new state performance measures are being created because of the 2010 needs assessment. | | | |  | |  |  | | |
| Source: Maternal and Child Health Bureau (https://perfdata.hrsa.gov/mchb/TVISReports/Snapshot/snapshot.aspx?statecode=GA) |