

## Advisory Council

### Data Synthesis Workgroup Update (February 22, 2006)

I. Development of Safety Net Review

The Data Synthesis Workgroup has met monthly since July 2005; the DSWG last met on Tuesday, February 14, 2006. The group engaged in considerable discussion about the inclusion of health status indicators in the health care safety net scan for Michigan. Between 10 to 15 indicators will be selected as the most useful descriptive measures for the safety net scan. The group agreed to tie those indicators and measurement of impact to preventive services and chronic disease management.

A briefing paper on the safety net was recently developed by MDCH staff in response to the Advisory Council's request for a description of safety net service programs and initiatives, current capacity, and future outlook. The DSWG is building on that draft, with the inclusion of health status elements and measures of provider availability and utilization.

The safety net review document will be finalized for inclusion in the HRSA Final Report, with interim versions as needed. Included in the report to HRSA will be an update on the safety net segment of the SPG proposal, and an extrapolation of the effects on the current safety net of the selected strategies for 100% coverage.

*The next Data Synthesis Workgroup meeting will be held on March 14, 2006.*

II. Current Status of Household Survey Report

The 2005 Michigan Household Health Insurance Survey Report is now in Final Draft. The Household Survey Report is close to 100 pages, including regional data. The Household Survey will continue to provide the State Planning Project with its primary data source for understanding the uninsured in Michigan. It will be placed on the SPG webpage.

III. Current Status of Employer Survey Report

First draft of the Employer Survey Report was submitted by MPHI to MDCH staff on January 6, 2006. MDCH edits & changes have been incorporated in the final draft due to MDCH by the end of February.

IV. Current Status of Focus Groups Report

Focus groups were conducted by MPHI for the uninsured, employers, and insurance agents. The draft report of the findings from the Focus Groups is currently in revision and will be submitted to MDCH by the end of February.

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