From: Shaw, Barbara
To: Irving, Toni
Subject: RE: assessment and IVPA budget hearings
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Attachments: NRI Data and Evaluation Efforts.pdf
NRI Renewal RFP-Chicago et.docx
FY 12 NRI Lead Agency Review Form.docx

Hi, Toni. There is no single assessment tool; we assess the program in a number of ways. Attached is the NRI Evaluation Plan (included in the report I sent to you and Jack). We are beginning to look at the quantitative results from the first year (actually only 8-9 months of actual service because we had to get the Leads up and running and then process all the subcontracts)) in order to identify issues that need to be addressed in year 3 beginning July 1. The aggregate participant numbers are included in the report; we are now looking at these numbers agency-by-agency.

As mentioned in the report, we are working with UIC to produce the outcomes report (results of pre-post tests, etc.). That whole process was slowed down because our original UIC PI left the state and we had to renegotiate the contract with a new PI. We are working with UIC to work on data cleaning issues and expect them to let us know soon when the outcomes report will be available.

I'm also enclosing the renewal application that Lead Agencies completed for Year 2 and the review form that IVPA uses to review the application. We use this application along with quarterly reports to monitor progress. Meanwhile, we are developing an additional tool/process to identify problematic issues with Lead Agencies that will need to be addressed over the coming year that might result in non-renewal for year 4 if the issues are serious enough and aren't corrected or improved. I'll send that form to you when it's completed.

This is a very complicated program with many moving parts and while we have had excellent results, it really takes at least three years to get a program of this magnitude up and running well and to assess how folks are doing. We are putting a lot of time and energy into coaching the Lead Agencies on their role, which is new to most of them.

I hope this is helpful. Sometime I do want to talk with you about the Senator Raoul Project.

Also, IVPA budget hearings are scheduled as follows:

Senate Appropriations I Committee March 21st 4:00 PM

House Public Safety Committee March 28th (time not yet set; could be 10:00 or 4:00)

Thanks,
Barbara.

From: Irving, Toni
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Barb, is there an assessment form you can send me that is used to evaluate NRI grantees.

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