

Section 408 Application Follow-up Priority Discussion Items for State Meetings

The assumption is that each RPM will make contact with their state in the near future to open discussion about improving their 2006 Section 408 Application, and in particular their Strategic Plan. This checklist is intended to suggest some key points that are likely to deserve discussion with each state.

1. Review with the state what they have as Performance Measures (goals)
 - a. Are they systemic, related to one of the six performance areas, and measurable?
 - b. Are they practical – in line with funding, likely movement, actual priorities
 - c. Are measurable – Can a baseline be provided, can it be measured annually
 - d. Provide baselines

2. Identify ‘opportunities for progress’ for 2007 application. (low hanging fruit / short term / likely to pay off by June 1, 2007)
 - a. Make sure they are called out in a performance measure
 - i. Pilot area
 - ii. Limited scope / coverage
 - b. Add projects from other funding if required to show progress

3. Make sure we have base for MMUCC & NEMESIS
 - a. Provide data dictionary to TSASS – strongly preferred
 - b. Get spreadsheet & submit

4. Visit <ftp://24.123.50.115> and verify we have it right information on file for the State (print it off and take it with you).
 - a. Submit markups to TSASS via Region
 - b. Maybe on line...hoping to have web-based front end by 1/1/2007.

5. Administration Issues for 2007 qualification
 - a. TRCC continues to operate
 - b. Plan update by 6/15/07
 - c. Assessments expiring (5 calendar years from application date)
 - d. Progress reporting - Can you report on all performance measures?
 - e. Annual (programmatic report) in Dec '07 will likely NOT suffice to show progress for 2007 application, nor would the Consolidated Application.

6. Bottom Line –

In order to receive second year funds the state must show *systemic* (one of 6 core systems) progress as *measured* within one or more of the (6-pack) defined *performance areas*.

If you have a meeting scheduled with a state, contact Dick Paddock (rpaddock@tsass.com) and he will try to provide a list of state-specific issues / suggestions. TSASS is working on these as a general effort and will notify the Region TR Coordinator as soon as they are available for a Region. In addition they are in the process of making a final pass through the initial coding of Projects, Milestones, and Performance Measures and will notify the Region TR Coordinator as soon as this is completed for a Region. At that time you will be given logins for each State TR Coordinator in your Region.