

Minutes  
Data Work Group Conference Call 4/7/07

Participating Members

Tim Beebe (SHADAC)  
Meg Goode Brown (SHADAC)  
Michael Davern (SHADAC)  
Steve Horan (CHRC, SCI)  
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Agenda/Minutes

On 4/7/04, State Planning Grant Data Work Group (SPGDWG) members were convened by conference call to discuss the following Agenda:

1. Review/revise Shadac Proposed Sample Plan
  2. Consider Job Lock and Global Health Status Questions for Virginia Household Survey
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1. Dr. Maddox reviewed SPGDWG decision parameters SHADAC utilized in the development of the draft of Virginia sample design (members received copy by email). Dr. Davern (SHADAC) reviewed methods utilized to develop the sample design options proposed, focusing on a regional sample with low-income stratum. Dr. Horan questioned the basis for SHADAC's rate of uninsured (~11%) given the higher rate (~14%) found in the Virginia Community Survey (2002). There was consensus among participants that a higher rate of uninsurance should be utilized. Differences among children and by regions were also discussed. From the VHCF 2002 Survey, Steve Horan noted the following rates of uninsurance:
    - N. VA: 11%
    - Eastern: 13.1%
    - Central: 17.2%
    - Northwest: 14.7
    - Southwest: 20.4%

The higher rate and regional variation of uninsured in Virginia was discussed with implications for revising the sample design. Members ask Dr. Davern to revise the sample plan utilizing regional uninsured rates from the 2002 VHCF Community Survey ([www.vhcf.org](http://www.vhcf.org)). It was noted that a low-income stratum would be retained and the revised sample would redistribute the fixed size of the sample (4000) due to cost constraints.

Decision/Plan

SHADAC expects to complete the revised plan and send to GMU for SPGDWG distribution by COB 4/12/04. Members will review and accept or revise for a final sample design at the next conference call meeting, Wed. 4/14/04. This will ensure that the revised timetable for the household survey (August Report) is in tact.

## 2. Supplemental Virginia Household Survey Items

The SPG DWG reviewed and discussed the additional questions on job lock and chronic conditions submitted by Med Brown Good. After lengthy discussion and clarification about the primary goals/purpose of the Virginia Survey, supplemental study questions for adopted were as follows:

-utilize the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Question on “Job Lock” since it best support’s Virginia’s survey purpose and also provides a national benchmark.

For Chronic conditions/global health concerns, it was determined that neither the BRFFS nor Mass. Insurance Survey addressed the Virginia study purpose. DWG members asked Meg Brown Good to utilize a global question similar to the NBC/Wall Street Journal Poll. This in conjunction with standard questions from the household survey would serve the necessary purpose.

SHADAC asked when they might expect to receive the listing of state plans and providers that respondents might identify as “coverage” for health care services. Since few have been identified to GMU since the last conference call, it was decided that GMU would poll DWG members and VDH for a possible list to be submitted to SGADAC by COB Monday 4/12/04.

### Decision/Plan

SHADAC will revise the Virginia Household Survey and send to GMU by COB 4/12/02 to be for review and final version revision at the next conference call. GMU will poll DWG and VDH members for the listing of alternative program/plans that respondents might identify as a possible source of healthcare coverage.