



State Health Access Reform Evaluation (SHARE)

October 10, 2008

Periodically, SHARE will send an e-newsletter outlining upcoming events, grantee activities and other items of interest. If you have news items that you want us to highlight please send them to Elizabeth Lukanen at elukanen@umn.edu.

GRANTEE ACTION ITEMS

SHARE Semi-Annual Reporting

The semi-annual SHARE progress reports and financial reports are due soon. For **grants awarded in April**, the reports are due **October 31st**. For **grants awarded in May**, reports are due **November 30th**. If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Lukanen at 612.626.1537 or by email at elukanen@umn.edu

Semi-Annual Progress Report

- A brief update on key activities and an analysis of challenges
- Please use the [semi-annual progress report template](#)
- An electronic copy of the report should be emailed to Elizabeth Lukanen at SHARE elukanen@umn.edu

Semi-Annual Financial Report

- This report should be prepared according to the [RWJF's standard financial reporting requirements](#)
- An electronic copy of the report should be emailed to Elizabeth Lukanen at SHARE elukanen@umn.edu

If you have made substantial changes to the design of your study, or to your budget allocation, please contact Elizabeth Lukanen to set up a 30 minute update call.

SHARE Grantee Spotlights

Thank you all for participating in the SHARE Grantee Spotlight interviews. The spotlights will appear on our new website soon. We plan on including a picture with each spotlight, so if you have not already sent us a head shot, please send one before October 31. Head shots and questions should be sent to Annie Mach at mach0098@umn.edu.

SHARE ACTIVITIES

Great Research Conversations Webinar Series

A primary goal of SHARE is to coordinate and disseminate findings in a manner that is meaningful and user-friendly for state and national policy-makers. To support this, SHARE will host a webinar series featuring a different SHARE grantee each month. Grantees will be asked to present on a topic related to their SHARE research – topics could include research/evaluation design, data issues, or study findings. The audience will include other grantees and state policy-makers. Annie Mach will be contacting the grantee teams to discuss the topics and to set up the webinar schedule.



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SHARE Report from NASHP Annual Conference

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the SHARE breakfast roundtable. We had great attendance at the breakfast, and we were able to meet with many of the SHARE grantees during the conference. Representatives from many of our study states participated in the NASHP conference and SHARE studies were mentioned in presentations from Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont. The need for more evaluation of state health reform initiatives was a common theme across sessions; and SHARE is pleased to continue to support these much-needed evaluation efforts.

OTHER NEWS

RWJF releases Call for Proposals for projects that support national health care reform

October 1, 2008

RWJF's Coverage Team is accepting proposals for applicant-initiated projects that support national health care reform. RWJF is interested in funding projects that relate to federal policy and how design, implementation, administration and sustainability of policies can expand health care coverage. Up to \$2 million will be allocated to support the grants of up to \$400,000 each. The brief proposal is due December 2, 2008, and the grant period will begin May 2009 and extend for up to two years.

<http://recp.rm05.net/servlet/MailView?ms=MTIyMjI1NAS2&r=Mjk5Njk5MDA2NwS2&j=MTMwMTMwOD A3S0&mt=1&rt=0>

SHADAC Researchers release report on Minnesota's high risk pools

SHADAC recently participated in a project led by The Rockefeller Institute of Government's Health Policy Research Center and funded by the New York State Health Foundation on private insurance coverage for small businesses. The Institute has issued a series of reports from the project, including a paper titled "From Access to Affordability," a nationwide scan of the various strategies states are using to try to address the growing problem of small-group coverage. There also are three in-depth case studies on the strategies being used by Maine, Minnesota, and New Jersey and a comprehensive report, titled "Implementing Small Group Market Reforms: Lesson from the States," which combines what was learned from the state scan and field research. SHADAC researchers Lynn Blewett and Donna Spencer prepared the report, "Individual High Risk Pools: A Case Study of the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association." The MN report is available at:

http://www.shadac.umn.edu/img/assets/30697/RockInst_MN_casestudy_Sep2008.pdf

All reports issued by The Rockefeller Institute of Government are available for download at www.rockinst.org.



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