



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

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1115 Waiver (SUD) Evaluation Quarterly Report (DY4, Q3)

Project Activities

During the period defined in this report, Tulane continued regular monthly meetings with its entire research team and quarterly meetings with LDH to ensure consistent project coordination. The research team continued their work on the three sub-analyses: Cost, Quantitative, and Qualitative, as well as the Draft Interim Evaluation Report.

July

The quarterly meeting with LDH and Tulane was held on July 12th. During this meeting the following points of discussion were raised:

- Tulane inquired whether LDH had received any special guidance as to if data collected during the COVID pandemic period should be analyzed differently than pre-COVID data.
 - o LDH established that they had not received any special guidance for these circumstances.
- Tulane requested a timeline of when the remaining 2020 metric calculations, updated data workbook, and updated LDH to CMS quarterly reports would be delivered
 - o LDH indicated that the updated reports would be sent that day and the rest of 2020 metric calculation that week. The data workbook would be sent at a later unspecified date.
- LDH requested additional meetings at 4-week intervals leading up to Draft Interim Evaluation Report due date in September.

The Tulane research team met internally on July 21st to discuss needs for the Draft Interim Evaluation Report. The following items were identified:

- From ULM – monthly data for measures #15 and #17(1).
- From LDH
 - o Remaining 2020 metric calculations
 - o Updated data workbook
 - o Updated quarterly reports to CMS

August

The Tulane research team met with LDH on August 6th to touch base on the Draft Interim Evaluation Report progress and resolve any remaining needs.

The August Tulane research team internal meeting was held on August 16th. The following topics were discussed:

- Analysis Status and Needs
 - Cost Analysis: Pending completion of the quantitative analysis
 - Quantitative:
 - The monthly data for measures #15 and #17(1) was received from ULM as of this meeting.
 - The remaining 2020 metric calculations, updated data workbook and updated LDH to CMS quarterly reports were received from LDH as of this meeting.
 - Qualitative: Scheduling of interviews with Health Systems Leaders and providers was ongoing.

Following the internal meeting, the lead quantitative researcher requested monthly estimates for several metrics in years 2017 and 2020. These included:

- 2017 monthly estimates for metrics: 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 23, 24 (Received 8/26)
- 2020 monthly estimates for metrics: 5, 13, 14, 25, 36 (Received 8/27)

September

The September Tulane internal meeting was held on September 14th. The following topics were discussed:

- Analysis Status and Needs
 - Cost Analysis: Pending completion of the quantitative analysis
 - Quantitative:
 - The lead quantitative researcher aggregated all the data received and distributed the results to the rest of the team for analysis and report writing this week.
 - Qualitative:
 - The lead qualitative researcher was working to reschedule meetings with Health System Leaders that were cancelled due to hurricane Ida. A research assistant was assisting with scheduling provider interviews.
- Upcoming Report Deadlines
 - Results Reports
 - Project PI discussed with LDH how to separate out the Year 3 report, or if it is more valuable to be included in the Interim Evaluation Report as a whole.

- Draft Interim Evaluation Report
 - Project PI also bring this up with LDH to discuss the revised timeline of the Interim Evaluation Report due to hurricane Ida.
- Housekeeping
 - IRB: A report for annual IRB review/renewal was drafted by a team researcher and will be sent to Project PI for review. They will also add the new quantitative research assistant to project personnel. The annual review deadline is October 23rd.

As of September 30th, the following items have been received from LDH:

- 1115 SUD Demonstration Waiver Administrative Cost Report – CY21 – July
- 1115 SUD Demonstration Waiver Administrative Cost Report – CY21 – August
- 1115 SUD Demonstration Waiver Administrative Cost Report – CY21 – September
- Revised Quarterly Reports submitted by LDH to CMS, DY3Q3 and DY3Q4
- Revised SUD Monitoring Protocol Part A

Status of analysis by topic – September 30th, 2021

Quantitative Analyses (Lead Researcher: Dr. Kevin Callison)

- Awaiting monthly calculations for monitoring metrics #26 and #27 from LDH to complete analysis for the Draft Interim Evaluation Report. LDH expects to have this to Tulane no later than 12/1.

Cost Analyses Report (Lead Researcher: Dr. Charles Stoecker):

- Awaiting direction on how to handle the discrepancy between LDH calculations and the in-house calculations. Also, awaiting pre-period data from LDH, or plan to reproduce this data prior to 2018 collection start.

Care Coordination (Lead researcher: Dr. Janna Wisniewski):

- Working to reschedule and conduct interviews with Health Systems Leaders and providers.

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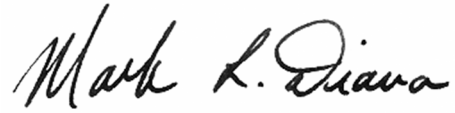
Quarterly and Annual Reports: Quarterly reports have been submitted on deadline and have summarized the evaluation feedback process with LDH and CMS.

Data reports: The Tulane Research team is currently awaiting feedback and direction on the completion of the Year 3 Data Analysis Report, and the Draft Interim Evaluation Report.

USE OF FUNDS

Funds have been used for this project to cover faculty and staff time to develop the initial SUD evaluation plan, define the work timetables once the evaluation plan was approved; coordinate activity with within Tulane and with LDH, and to develop reports and associated deliverables.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark L. Diana". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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