

Group C

MEASURING THE OUTCOMES OF DISCOVERY STRATEGIES

July 14, 2005

9:30 – 1:00

AGENDA

9:30 Welcome, Introductions & Updates

Maria Mojica will provide an update on Discovery related events and activities.

10:00 Evaluation Technical Assistance

Laura Downs will provide an overview of the session and introduce the presenters.

This session will help communities determine what data collection strategies will measure anticipated outcomes and how to ensure that the action plan outcomes are reasonable. This session is for participants who already have some familiarity with different data collection methods.

10:10 Determining Measures and Outcomes

Participants will increase their knowledge of how to check the assumptions behind their outcomes; are the strategies linked to outcomes and what are appropriate measures for the outcomes.

10:50 Assessing Progress toward Achieving the Outcomes

Participants will review how to determine what methods are most appropriate to use for different types of measures; and factors to consider in using each method given the populations involved, resource and time limitations and the intended uses of the data.

11:10 Break-out Group Exercise on Measuring Outcomes

Groups will be given a scenario describing the strategies and outcomes of an imagined discovery community – they will have to determine the reasonableness of the outcomes, a couple of measures for measuring at least one of the outcomes and methods to use to collect the measurement data

12:15 Building an Evaluation Plan to Track Progress Over Time

Participants will increase their understanding of the components of an evaluation plan, how to develop a data collection management plan and how to track progress over time.

12:45 Evaluation of Session