

National Action Plan Webinar Verbatim Transcript

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Coordinator: Good afternoon. Thank you all parties for standing by. Your lines have been placed on a listen only mode until the question and answer session.

Today's call is being recorded. If anyone does object, you may disconnect at this time. Now I will turn the call over to Ms. Denise Jamieson. You may begin.

Denise Jamieson (CDC): Hi, welcome everyone to this Webinar on the update to the National Action Plan development process. Thanks everybody for joining.

An audio file and transcript of this call will be available afterwards on the CDC Website. And we'll share that URL with you at the end of these slides.

I also want to point out that on the slide at the bottom there is an email address. And you can send questions to that email account either during the call or at any time after the call with any questions or concerns or suggestions.

So this is the agenda for the call. I'll make some brief introductions. We'll talk about the timelines and the outline. And then we want to use most of the time for discussion and for your comments.

In terms of introductions, I'm Denise Jamieson. I'm Chief of the Women's Health and Fertility Branch in the Division of Reproductive Healthcare at the CDC.

Doctor Wanda Barfield is also on the line. She is the Director of the Division of Reproductive Health here at the CDC. Doctor Lee Warner is the Associate Director for Science in our division. And Maria Gallo is the Project, Doctor Maria Gallo is the Project Officer in Woman's Health and Fertility Branch and the lead on the National Action Plan.

So this is our proposed timeline. And as you see, this timeline starts with the process following today's Webinar. One of the main objectives for the Webinar today is to solicit input on the National Action Plan content.

And although you can give input at any time. We'd really like to receive input on the contents in the next two weeks so that it can be considered for the first draft. And as you see the first - we're asking that that input come to us by September 15.

This timeline is fairly ambitious. We plan to have the document ready to begin internal reviews and clearance by the end of September.

We plan to post a draft of the National Action Plan to the CDC Website by November 15. And to hold a second Webinar to explain the process for submitting comments to that document - that draft document.

And again I want to emphasize that these are estimates. And we'll keep you updated on our progress. We'll also send an email with a date for the second Webinar when we have the document cleared.

After receiving comments during the 30-day period, we will revise the National Action Plan. And we intend to have it completed by the end of January.

This revised version will then undergo internal reviews and clearance, with us making revisions as needed. Our goal is to provide the final cleared document to Congress by March 30, 2012. And we will also post the final version on the CDC Web page.

And I just want to repeat that at any point during this process, we're always delighted to receive your comments and suggestions and recommendations via that email address.

So this is the outline of the National Action Plan. It will include much of the content of the previous outline, but with a lot less detail. It's been revised to have three main chapters, prevention detection and management.

And those chapters are designed to be more closely aligned with the congressional intent. And the intent is to have a short plan of about 20 pages.

Hopefully this looks familiar to a lot of you. The goal of the National Action Plan is to promote, preserve and restore the ability of US woman to conceive and carry a pregnancy to term. And to deliver a healthy child.

The National Action Plan will provide potential action steps for stakeholders within and outside the government to effectively decrease the burden placed by infertility on the public's health.

The plan is to have four sections within each of the chapters. The first section, the public health importance will give a brief introduction to the public health importance of the topic.

The second section is the challenge. And this section gives more specifics about what needs to be addressed within the topics to accomplish our overall goal.

For example, for Chapter 1 this includes two sections, prevention research and prevention interventions. The future directions section makes a detailed explanation for the action steps that follow. And then the action steps are recommendations for action.

Chapter 2 is the detection of infertility. This chapter explains the need for collection, analysis, interpretation and use of data related to infertility.

It also follows the four - same four sections. And explains the need for surveillance in four areas, disease incidence and prevalence, prevalence and impacted risk factors for infertility, access, utilization and performance of infertility services, economic and financial aspects of service performance.

The final chapter deals with the management of infertility. Two main challenges to be described include the need for research on managing infertility and guidelines for managing infertility. And then the future directions and action steps.

So we are requesting general input on the National Action Plan. And in particular, we're asking for feedback on potential action steps that could be considered for inclusion in the plan.

So here is listed just one of many potential action steps. This one relates to Chapter 2. Surveillance related to infertility should be enhanced. Examples of how this may be accomplished include one, augmenting existing data collection systems to include the necessary data elements. And two, improving linkages within and between existing systems.

Again, we're requesting input specifically on these action steps by September 15. But we will at any time accept input, comments, questions, suggestions, recommendations at any time.

But the September 15 is when the first round of feedback - we're asking for the first round of feedback. And again, the mailbox NAPINQ@cdc.gov is the best way to reach us.

We will post updates on the National Action Plan at our Website, which is listed here, [www.cdc.gov reproductive health and fertility, public health](http://www.cdc.gov/reproductive_health_and_fertility_public_health).

You can request notification any time we make updates to this system. And I'll show you those screens in a minute. And again, we encourage you to

submit any questions or comments regarding the National Action Plan to our email address, NAPINQ@cdc.gov.

Here's a screen shot of our Website. And the URL is listed below. And if you look in the upper right-hand corner, you see where you can register to receive email updates about this page.

We'd now like to open up the lines for discussion. And encourage you to provide any feedback or suggestions at this point. If we don't get through all the feedback, we will - we would be happy to answer any questions or respond to any feedback through our email address.

Coordinator: At this time if you do have questions or comments, please press star 1 on your phone. Please remember to un-mute your phone and record your name clearly so that I may introduce your question.

If the question has been asked, you can withdraw yours by pressing star 2. One minute please for the first question. So far I do not have any questions.

Denise Jamieson: Okay, let's give them a few more minutes.

Coordinator: All right, one moment. We do have one in queue. First question or comment is from (Katherine Federwhite). Your line is open.

(Katherine Federwhite – no organization identified):

Hi, I just have a quick question about Chapter 1. How broad do you envision the scope of that? I'm just thinking about the previous outline and how many different components there were to thinking about the prevention of infertility.

So I'm wondering, you know, with the shorter document, are you going to try to be comprehensive and cover everything just with a relative short amount of detail, or really focus on a few prevention issues?

Denise Jamieson: The idea is to be as comprehensive as possible, and include much of what was included in the outline. But at a higher level, a broader level rather than getting into the very detailed level that was included in the original outline.

(Katherine Federwhite): Okay. So that's helpful to think about. It's more of a policy bullet kind of point as opposed to a in depth thing.

Denise Jamieson: So the idea was to have the scope of document include much of what was previously include, but not include that level of detail.

(Katherine Federwhite): Okay.

Coordinator: I'm not showing any other questions.

Denise Jamieson: Okay well I just want to again, thank everyone for their participation on today's call. And encourage you to keep updated on our progress on the Website, and in particular provide your feedback to us via our email. Thanks very much everyone.

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