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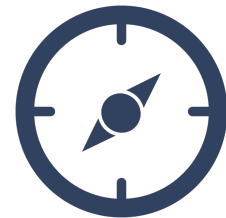
Charting a Course Forward: Evaluation Planning Updates

May is upon us! That means the FY2022-23 Evaluation Planning process is right around the corner. This is the OMNI TA Team's favorite time of year as it brings lots of one-to-one connection time with y'all as we prepare for another year of evaluation. As the end of the Block Grant fiscal year nears, we wanted to touch base on a few topics related to the Evaluation Roadmap and planning process.

Reminder: We recently sent an email asking you to complete a survey to help the OMNI TA Team prepare and to provide you the best TA we can. If you have not yet completed it, please do so ASAP to give us time to prepare – we promise it'll be quick! Here is the link: VA Evaluation Planning Prep 2022

FY21-22 PBPS Data Entry

Please ensure that data in PBPS are as up to date as possible! Entering data in an ongoing and timely manner avoids an end-of-year push by staff and also allows you time to correct rejected activities, ensuring that all your data will be accurate and included in end-of-year reporting. Please note these important dates:

- By **Friday, July 15th**, all Block Grant data, including activities for those strategies that blend funding with SOR, need to be entered.

- By **Friday, July 29th**, all rejections need to be addressed. Continue to check PBPS for rejected activities. The OMNI TA Team continually reviews activities and will do so throughout the rest of the fiscal year.

FY22-23 Evaluation Roadmap Process

Work on the FY22-23 Evaluation Roadmap will start in July - another reason to wrap up FY21-22 data entry early! This fiscal year, the Evaluation Roadmap process will look very similar to last year, with both Block Grant and SOR planning occurring in tandem. As always, the OMNI TA Team is flexible and can work with CSBs to complete evaluation planning that makes sense for your situation. We also recognize that many CSBs have added new staff this past year - if this process is new to you or someone on your team, rest assured that the OMNI TA team will work with you to ensure everyone is up to speed and comfortable with the evaluation planning process. Our Team will be reaching out to everyone soon with more information on the FY22-23 Evaluation Roadmap process and timeline. In the meantime, below are some steps your CSB can take to help prepare:

- Revisit your current Evaluation Roadmap and note anticipated changes to current strategies or new strategies you may implement in the coming fiscal year. You may need to meet with fellow CSB staff for input.

- Start gathering any data needed to show progress toward short-term outcomes for this year – your short-term outcomes are listed in both your Logic Model and in your Measurement Plan(s).

Recap of Community Forum on Onboarding CSB Staff

We enjoyed gathering with those who were able to join us for the Community

Forum on Onboarding CSB Staff!

Jason and T led us through an introduction of OMNI's role in CSBs' work and the essential systems new CSB staff will need to be familiar with for their work with DBHDS and OMNI. We had a group discussion where CSB staff shared best practices and opportunities for improvement in the staff onboarding process and heard great suggestions for how OMNI and DBHDS can support it. Resources are in the works from OMNI and DBHDS to support new hires in integrating into workflows to set them up to do the job well. We hope these resources invigorate CSBs' onboarding processes as new staff continue joining the team!

- If you weren't able to join us, you can **view the recording and slide deck**here.

- Looking for **a quick overview of OMNI's role**for yourself or new staff? **See this 2-pager** for an overview of OMNI's work with CSBs and the systems we use to collaborate.

- As a reminder, **all the community forums and trainings we've hosted over the years are available for viewing** at your convenience! Our Trainings & Webinars folder is brimming with CSB Community Forums and various training videos (including trainings on the Coalition Readiness & Effectiveness Assessment, the Gaming & Gambling Community Forum, and more). These are great resources when you've missed a training or forum, and for new staff to learn about the work we do together.

News You Can Use

Demographic Calculator Improved!

A new Demographic Calculator is now available!

We have updated the demographics to better reflect Virginia's population according to the most recent Census data.

Please use this updated calculator (instead of the built-in calculator in PBPS) to include the most accurate demographics possible for your activities.

You can find this new version in the OMNI TA Resources folder on box.com.

Portal Registration and Two-Factor Authentication Reminders

Thank you to all who have registered for the portal!

Please check in with all prevention staff to make sure everyone has portal access.

To register, you will need a password provided by OMNI and to set up 2FA (Two factor authentication) either via email or an authenticator app on your phone.

Once you are registered in the portal, you can **choose which notifications you would like to receive**. To edit, go to "Members Home" and click "Edit Notifications." Here, select which types of updates you would like to subscribe to. You can always go back and add or change your subscriptions as needed.

If you have any issues with notifications, registration, 2FA, or need the password please contact OMNI Support.

Tip for Paper YAS Data Entry

We know that many of you are having great success during in-person administration. It's wonderful!

When you enter data from these paper surveys, please keep in mind that you do not need to enter surveys if the person is disqualified. Respondents are "disqualified" if they are under 18, over 25, or do not live in Virginia for most of the year. This will hopefully reduce data entry time.

If you have not requested a survey link to enter paper surveys and need one, please email OMNI Support for a unique link for your CSB.

Community Spotlight
Multi-Agency Collaboration in Alexandria for Lock & Talk!

Alexandria CSB recently shared that

Important Dates

June 30, 2022
- All YAS data entered and complete

July 2022

through the Lock and Talk initiative and the efforts of the Suicide Prevention Alliance of Northern (SPAN) Virginia, the City of Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) is collaborating with the Alexandria Circuit Court and the Alexandria Police Department (PD) to make free gun locks and medication locking devices broadly available. They are doing so in two new ways: (1) gun locks distributed to all Concealed Carry Permit applicants, and (2) Alexandria PD officers carry locking medication boxes in their vehicles and provide them directly to the community they serve.

- Evaluation Planning Kickoff

July 15, 2022
- All BG data entry and combined BG/SOR data entry complete for FY21-22

July 29, 2022
- All PBPS data entry rejections fixed and completed

September 30, 2022
- Community Readiness Assessment for Marijuana complete

Monthly
- Updated ACEs evaluation and Coalition Readiness and Effectiveness Assessment data available on Box.com.

Quick Links:

Demographics Calculator	VA Prevention Works! Portal	VASIS Dashboard	CPG's PBPS System
Data Entry Guidelines	OMNI Support Email	Success Story Survey	BG Reference DEP