

Performance Management Improvement System (PIMS) & TruServe Update

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Purpose of Webinar

- **Provide background on development PIMS.**
- **Review FY 15 SORH PIMS definitions for TA and Unduplicated Client.**
- **Review five year (FY 10 – FY 14) program wide SORH PIMS trends.**
- **Explain FY 15 SORH PIMS timeline and process.**
- **Update on TruServe collection instrument.**



SORH Performance Measures - Background

- Based on 1993 *Government Performance Results Act (GPRA)*
- Initial performance measures consisted of reporting:
 - Number of unduplicated rural communities that received technical assistance (TA) from SORH.
 - Number of SORHs supporting a rural recruiting and retention focal point.
 - Number of health professional placements in rural locations (from 3RNet).



SORH Performance Measures - Background

- In 2009, FORHP worked with NOSORH Committee (reps each region) to develop revised measures and definitions pertaining *only* to the provision of technical assistance.
- Revised measures, collection form and process approved by the Office of Management and Budget in 2010.
- Reauthorized every 3 years.
- 60 day Federal Register notice released June 22, 2016.



SORH Performance Measures - Current

- **Current measures are:**
 - 1. Report the number of technical assistance (TA) encounters provided *directly* to rural clients by SORH.**
 - 2. Report the number of rural clients (unduplicated) that received TA *directly* from SORH.**
- **Clear definitions of what constitutes a *direct* TA encounter and the difference between *affiliated* and *unaffiliated* clients.**
- **TA encounters expected to *exceed* unduplicated clients (~1:2).**



Technical Assistance (TA) Encounter: Any activity that is planned, funded, organized, administered or provided by SORH that results in the delivery of substantive information, advice, education or training *directly* to a client (s). TA must be provided face to face, thru teleconference / webinar technology or via ***in-depth*** telephone and e-mail interactions that result in the delivery of substantive service or subject content (problem solving, proposal feedback, regulation interpretation, grant application guidance etc.) to a client. Relatively brief / routine telephone and email responses and direct mass mailings are not considered TA for the purpose of this measure. A client usually requests TA or receives an invitation from SORH to participate in scheduled / formal TA activities such as workshops, conferences, seminars, meeting or training sessions. TA encounters provided to the *same* client on different occasions shall still be counted as an individual encounter.



Client (unduplicated): Any individual, group or organization interested in rural health. Examples include but are not limited to: providers / technicians, hospitals, clinics, networks, agencies, associations, organizations, academic institutions, government officials, communities, partners and other stakeholders. ***Affiliated*** individuals (i.e. members of an association or organization) would normally be considered a *single* client. Example - SORH addressing State Rural Health Association about grant opportunities. ***Non-affiliated*** individuals (i.e. hospital administrators or nurses) would normally be considered as *multiple* clients. Example - hospital staff attending a SORH sponsored workshop on quality and performance improvement. A client may only be counted *once* regardless of how many times the client receives TA during the reporting period.



SORH Performance Measures - Current

- In addition to TA measures, SORHs also provide breakdown of:
 - *types* of TA provided (i.e. face-face, e-mail, teleconference, webinar, other); and
 - *types* of unduplicated clients (i.e. hospitals, clinics, academic institutions, providers, other).
- Sum of types must *equal* TA & Clients totals.
- FORHP has not set SORH targets or average.
- Roll-up of measures from all 50 SORHs reported to OMB, high variations require explanation.



Types of TA listed in EHB PIMS

	Types of TA Provided	Number
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In-Depth Telephone and email interactions	1102
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	129
	Total:	1429

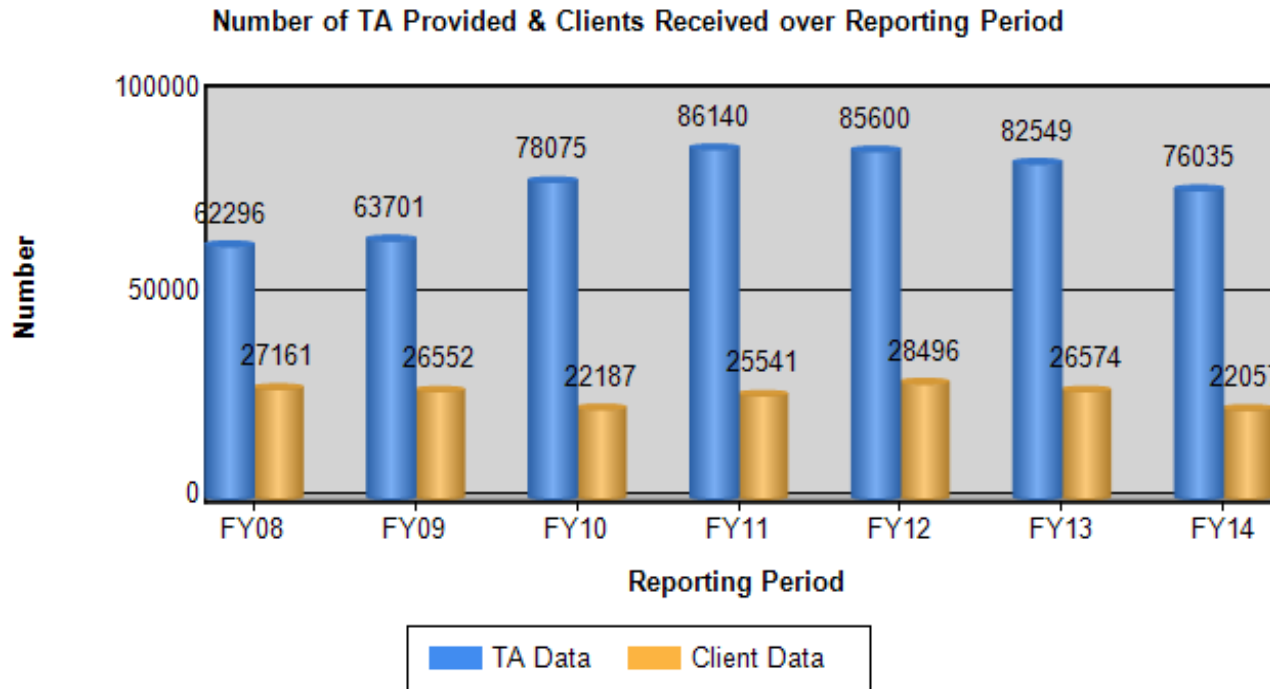


Types of Clients that Received TA		Number
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government Officials	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Academic Institutions	4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associations	8
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clinics	41
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Providers	128
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	13
Total:		253



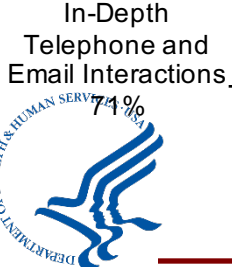
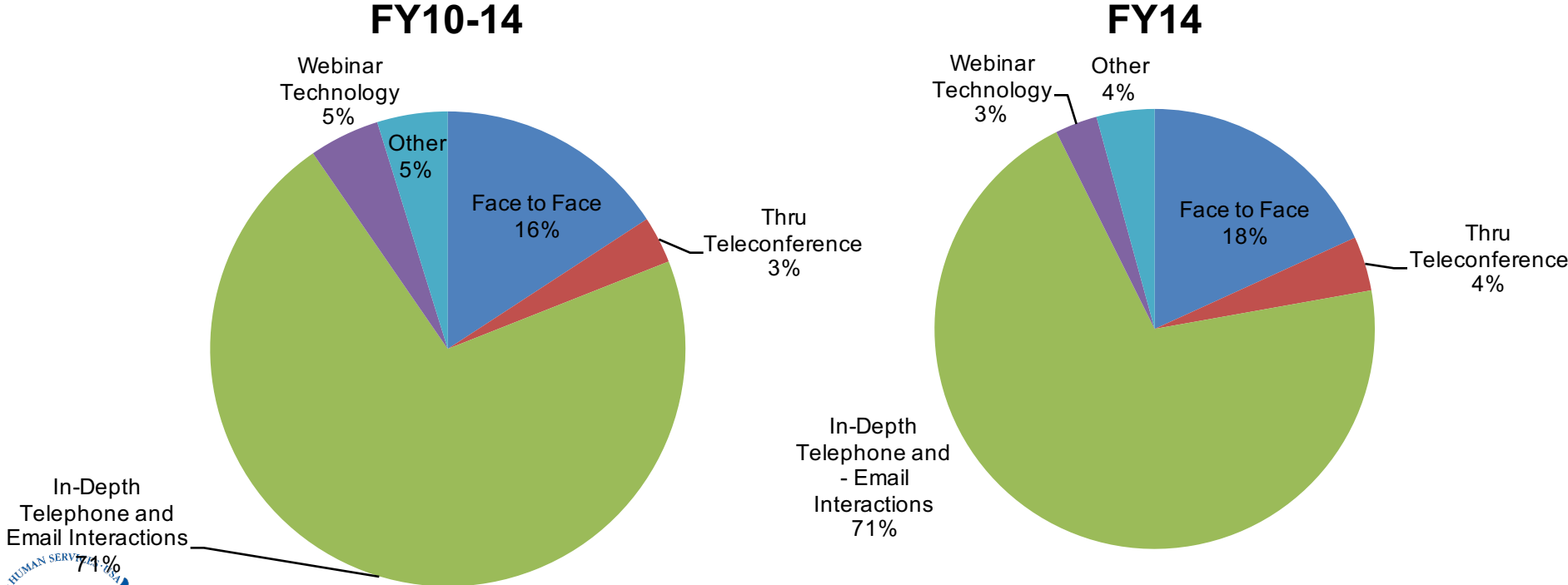
SORH Performance Measures (cont.)

- FY 08-10 TA totals increased / FY 11-13 stabilized / FY 14 - significant decrease.
- Total clients more stable, better understanding of affiliated versus unaffiliated un-duplicated clients likely reason for recent decline.



SORH Performance Measures (cont.)

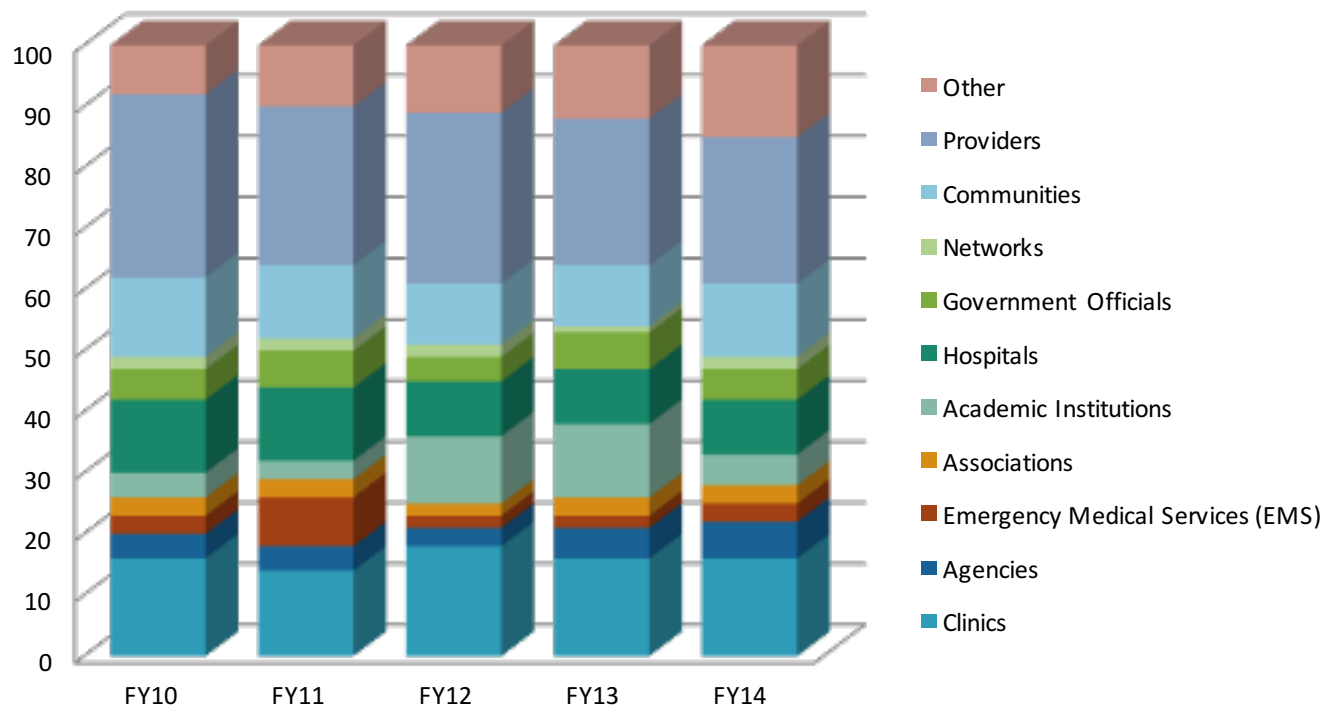
- In-depth telephone and email interactions most common type TA.
- Webinar technology increased FY 10-12, decreased FY 14.



SORH Performance Measures (cont.)

- Types of clients receiving TA relatively stable.
- Providers receive ~25% of TA.

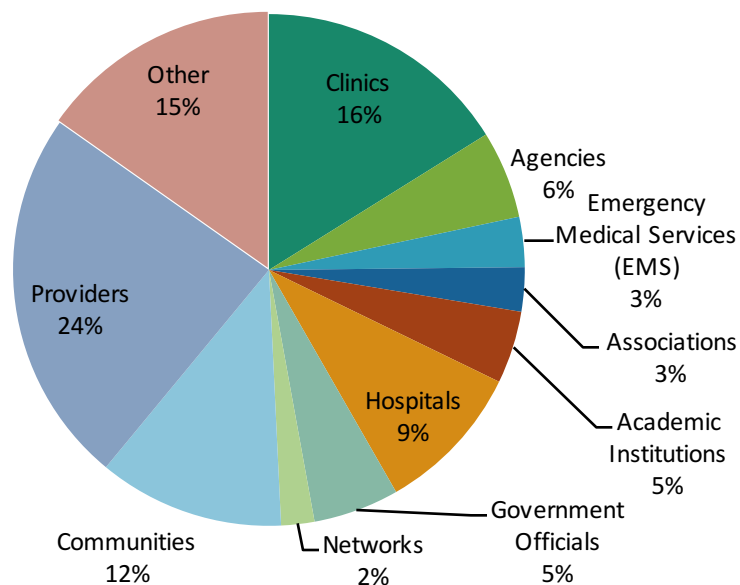
Type of Clients that Receive TA by Percent



SORH Performance Measures (cont.)

- Providers, clinics & hospitals (combined) receive ~50% of TA.

FY14



FY 15 Submission Process

- All prior year reports can be viewed in EHB.
- Project Officer can provide five year trend.
- FY 15 PIMS due in EHB by August 30, 2016.
- *If* FY 15 measures vary significantly (5% or more) from FY 14 for either TA or Clients, contact Project Officer to discuss *prior* to submission.
- Note suspected reason for *change* in comment section at bottom of EHB submission form.



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