Personnel Activity Reports (PARs) or time and effort reporting, are written documentation that supports personnel costs charged to a federal grant. It is often assumed that time and effort recording and cost allocation may be used interchangeably. However, this is not the case. While PARs may be used to implement cost allocation plans, they are a separate function that serve to record what work has been done by employees. In essence, Personal Activity Report (PAR) describe the activities performed; cost allocation plans describe how the costs of the activities are paid. Reference 1 (page 2)

Use the systems and processes you already have in place. The reports should be simple and transparent. Remember the goal is to demonstrate that compensation charged to a grant benefits the purpose and objectives of the grant. This does not usually mean a high level of detail is needed. Reference 1 (page 8)

Check that each personnel activity report (PAR) meets these four requirements:
1. After-the-fact determination of activities performed;
2. Accounts for the total activity for which employees are compensated;
3. Signed by the employee or the supervisor with firsthand knowledge of the work performed; and
4. Prepared at least monthly and coincide with a pay period.

It is important to not to make this burdensome; however, staff must be held accountable for accurately completing the PAR. Reference 1 (page 8).

Employees who are charged to an indirect cost pool (i.e. CFO, business office staff for making PMS draws, submitting federal cash transaction reports (FCTR), etc.) are not required to maintain a PAR.

The attached PAR examples have the components to document the allocation of time spent by an employee (hours worked during the week and hours spent on each objective/activity during the week). Two samples are included. One can be used for an employee working a % of their time (cost objective/activity) supported by one grant; the second sample can be used when an employee is working a % of their time on multiple grants.

The sample PAR documents include some common activities related to what is done when working on a grant funded program. These common activities fall under the overarching larger categories of Program Service Expenses and Management & General Expenses, included on the 990-tax return form which is required for a 501c3 organization, that include a breakdown by “functional expenses”. This is again, intended as only a suggestion and sample. You can modify to match your pay periods, and use these work activities or modify to reflect the work your staff are doing.

We recommend consulting with your finance professional and/or accounting firm for guidance related specifically to your organization.
The guidelines are very broad in how time spent by employees on federal grants is documented. There is no requirement a PARs have to be documented on a weekly or monthly basis; however, most organizations choose to provide the information by payroll period or at least on a monthly basis. At a minimum, a grantee should document, a reasonable estimate of the actual work performed by the employee during the periods covered by the PARs.

Documentation should be completed for the fiscal year and the grant funding period. RHC Vaccine Confidence grant funding period is, July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Also, per the RHCVC Notice of Award (NoA), HRSA authorizes allowable pre-award costs, incurred on or after March 15, 2021.

Reference:

   NOSORH RHCVC Technical Assistance team would like to thank and acknowledge James Dedyne, CPA, Principal, Maner Costerisan, Michigan and Teryl Eisinger, CEO of NOSORH for their guidance and contribution to the development of this resource. Also, special thanks to Common Spirit Health, a RHCVC grant recipient, for kindly sharing their PAR related documents as examples. These resources are intended to build capacity of RHC staff to assist in the effective management of a federal grant.
Personnel Activity Report
(Example for an employee with 50% FTE allocated to one grant)

RHC Clinic Name, City, State

Employee Name: Henry Schafer         Employee ID: 12-567         Pay Period: February, 2022
Position: Community Health Worker
Funding Source(s): HRSA, Rural Health Clinic Vaccine Confidence (RHCVC)

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Employee Signature/Date

Reviewed by/Date

Supervisor Signature/Date
## Personnel Activity Report

*(Example for an employee with a % FTE allocated to multiple grants)*

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