Are you ready for the 2011 HRSA Primary Care Training Grant competition?
When Will The 2011 Program Guidance Be Released?

- We don’t know (exactly)
- It doesn’t matter
- Get ready now
- Use the 2010 Program Guidance for starters
  - It changes very little year to year
- So . . . Where do we begin?
Brainstorming sessions with core faculty
- What are our needs now?
- What do we need to do over the next five years?
- Are we addressing the Competencies adequately?
- When is our next Accreditation Review Visit?
- When is our next Graduate School (or institutional) review?
- Who will be the PI and who will lead the effort (not necessarily the same person)
How Do Our Perceived Needs Match Up With HRSA Goals And Priorities?

- Improve **Access** to Health Care:
  
  . . . innovative models of primary care
  
  . . . remain in primary care practice
  
  . . . training individuals who are from under-represented minorities
  
  . . . training in the care of vulnerable populations
How Do Our Perceived Needs Match Up With HRSA Goals And Priorities?

- Improve **Access** to Health Care:

  . . . Joint/collaborative applications with FQHCs, RHCs, AHECs, or clinics in underserved areas . . . that serve underserved populations

  . . . interprofessional, integrated care

  . . . cultural competency and health literacy
Medically Underserved Community (MUC) Funding Preference?

- Have a high rate for placing graduates/program completers in ... medically underserved communities (55%/ .50 FTE); or
- During the preceding 2-year period, have achieved a significant increase in the rate of placing graduates/program completers in such settings (↑ by 50%/30% practicing); or
- Meet the criteria for a new program.
Funds may be used to plan, develop, and operate a physician assistant education program and for the training of individuals who will teach . . .

Bottom line: Consider HRSA-focused activities you need to accomplish for which you lack the resources
Where Do We Go Now?

- Sort through brainstorming ideas
- Check for HRSA congruence
- Identify key team members, collaborators, and lines of responsibility
- Draft and then finalize 3-5+ objectives (no magic number) with collaborator involvement
- Set up expectations and meeting timelines
- Use the grant outline to guide writing
Project Narrative Outline
(subsections)

“‘The meat of the grant’”

INTRODUCTION

WORK PLAN (4)

ORGANIZATIONAL
INFORMATION (7)

RESOLUTION OF
CHALLENGES (1)

NEEDS ASSESSMENT (7)

OUTCOMES MEASURES
AND DISSEMINATION (4)

METHODOLOGY (10)

EVALUATION AND
TECHNICAL SUPPORT
CAPACITY (3)
Remember: The Review Scoring Rubric Has Changed*

Need (15 pts)
- Needs Assessment

Response (30 pts)
- Methodology, Work Plan, Resolution of Challenges

Evaluative Measures (15 pts)
- Evaluation and Technical Support

Impact (10 pts)
- Outcome Measures and Dissemination

Resources/Capabilities (20 pts)
- Organizational Information, Work Plan, and Progress Report

Support Requested (10 pts)
- Budget Justification

*and may change again
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Take Home Message:

Don’t Wait for the Grant Guidance