



News from Heartland Regional Coordinating Center

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6th Annual Heartland Regional Collaborative Meeting

Mark Your Calendar! Join us September 17-18, 2009 in Little Rock, AR for the Annual Heartland Collaborative Meeting.

Work Group Updates

Please visit the Heartland website for lists of Work Group members, meeting agendas and summaries and work group projects.

- *Advisory Board*—is currently ranking budget priorities for FY 2009-10 and reviewing evaluation plan.
- *Clinical Services*—the Telemedicine Manual written by work group members is in final revisions.
- *Education*—is exploring opportunities to enhance Transition resources in the Heartland Region.
- *Newborn Screening*—with funding from Heartland, all eight Heartland states are contributing to the Inborn Errors of Metabolism Information System (IBEM-IS) database.
- *Advocates*—are working on a regional Financial Resources Guide for parents of children with special healthcare needs.

Pilot Projects Funded FY 08-09

Two pilot projects are currently being funded:

- The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS) project will determine the value of Missouri's electronic Child Health Profile to enhance the performance of Missouri's primary care providers and Missouri's Genetics program.
- The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS) grant project will host a genetics conference in Missouri and will collaborate with the four genetic centers and hematological centers around the state to provide topics on newborn screening and provide primary care providers in depth information on the disorders that Missouri screens.

HRSA Grant Renewal

The Heartland Regional Coordinating Center (HRCC) has begun work on the non-competitive grant renewal for the Heartland Collaborative. Input from the Advisory Board and Work Groups will help select projects for FY 2009-10 base-funding.

Heartland e-news

In conjunction with the newly re-designed website, Heartland publishes a quarterly e-newsletter. The first issue was sent in September 2008 and the second issue in December 2008. The next issue is scheduled for March 2009. Past issues can be found at: <http://www.poststat.net/heartland/>. Please send an email to hrcc@ouhsc.edu if you wish to subscribe.

Legislative News

Two bills have recently passed Congress and were signed by the President.

- HR. 3825--*Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act* was passed and is waiting for appropriations. <http://www.opencongress.org/bill/110-h3825/show>
- S. 1810--*Prenatally and Postnatally Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Act* was passed and is waiting for appropriations. <http://www.opencongress.org/bill/110-s1810/show>