



FACT SHEET

2010 DEC Workshop and DEC Quarterly Meetings

DESCRIPTION

Health and Human Services (HHS) hosts quarterly meetings/trainings for all the Deputy Ethics Counselors (DECs) and their staff. DEC quarterly meetings are short presentations on current topics that last approximately two to three hours. The meetings allow for a dialogue with the DECs and their staff and the DECs of various components. Because HHS' ethics program is nationwide, with DECs assigned throughout all agency components, HHS would not have an opportunity to share information otherwise. DEC quarterly meetings are hosted via video teleconferencing. These allow for training in a less formal setting, as well as monitor the pulse of various ethics programs. For the past two meetings HHS OGC managers have been invited nationwide to participate via audio conferencing. This has been met with enthusiasm from the field. In addition to DEC quarterly meetings, an annual DEC workshop is hosted, which is a day-long training event for DECs and their staff. Each year approximately 200 HHS ethics officials from the greater DC area participate, along with occasional attendees from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta.

PURPOSE

The purpose is to meet with DECs and their staff, to train them how to provide accurate, sound advice; to ensure consistency with the agency's ethics advice; to keep the DECs and ECs informed assess training needs; to answer tough questions; to help with program review preparation, and provide the opportunity to meet and share ideas with their counterparts in various HHS components.

PRODUCT ADAPTABILITY

Program agendas and templates from various DEC quarterly meetings and DEC Workshop are available.

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