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1. Mini Conference Room Pilot Sessions (Mini-CRPs) Scheduled

As a follow-up to CRP1, the UFMS team is conducting a series of Mini-CRP sessions December 2 -18. The purpose of these sessions is to introduce new Oracle functionality released since CRP1, demonstrate a greater level of complexity (e.g., scripts that span across multiple modules), and continue to demonstrate how the Oracle U.S. Federal Financial software meets the requirements deemed as 'fits' during the Fit/Gap process. The sessions will be conducted twice; first for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta and then for all other component agencies at the Twinbrook building in Rockville, MD. Each session will cover specific business topics within a particular functional area of the Oracle application.

Each Agency Business Point of Contact has identified the agency representatives who will attend the sessions at each location. For a complete schedule of the UFMS Mini-CRPs, go to the HHS Intranet at <http://intranet.hhs.gov/ufms/crp1info.html>

2. CRP1 Comments and Meeting Minutes

Are you curious about what happened during the first Conference Room Pilot (CRP1)?

During the CRP1 in August, participants submitted comments and questions to the UFMS module leads. The leads responded to these comments and posted their responses, along with the CRP1 meeting minutes, on the UFMS Intranet at <http://intranet.hhs.gov/ufms/crp1info.html>.

The UFMS Program Management Office sends a special "thank you" to CRP1 participants for their time, expertise, and involvement.

3. UFMS Communications Survey Results

Thank You Survey Respondents!

The UFMS Program Management Office and the Planning and Development Committee thank everyone who took the time to respond to our first UFMS Global Communications Survey. The results will be helpful to us as we plan for future communications efforts that meet your needs.

Over 70% of the survey respondents expressed confidence that UFMS will be successfully implemented and that it will benefit HHS. You are welcome to review the rest of the survey



results at http://intranet.hhs.gov/ufms/library/UFMS_Comm_Eff_Survey.doc. Please note that all "open field" responses are not listed to protect the confidentiality of the survey participants. We will be addressing the comments people made in response to open-ended questions in future issues of the UFMS Newsflash.

4. FDA UFMS Implementation Team Relocates

On October 15, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) implementation team moved into their new home: 16A-33, Parklawn Building, Rockville, Maryland. The team kicked off the FDA Implementation in early July, and they are working toward their FDA-specific CRP1 in early 2004.

For further information about the FDA team or FDA UFMS implementation, please contact the FDA team at (301) 443-5081.

5. Questions, Concerns?

Do you have any questions about UFMS? If so, please write us at Mailbox.UFMS@hhs.gov. We will do our best to respond quickly to your inquiries.