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Dear State Title V Directors:

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Federal/State Partnership Technical Assistance (TA) meeting, which will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA from Tuesday, October 17, through Thursday, October 19, 2017. This meeting will fulfill the requirement, as stated in the Notice of Award for your State's Title V MCH Block Grant, for State MCH and Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Directors to attend a Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) Partnership Meeting as one of two annual meetings. Other State Title V program staff, such as the State Systems Development Initiative Program Directors and MCH epidemiologists, are strongly encouraged to attend as well.

Planned in partnership with the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP), the MCH Federal/State Partnership TA meeting will be an opportunity to engage federal and state partners in thoughtful discussion across multiple disciplines in MCH as we continue to move the needle forward in evidence-based practice and measurement.

Specifically, the October 2017 MCH Federal/State Partnership TA meeting will feature:

- Peer-to-peer learning and information exchange between State Title V programs;
- Interactive learning sessions to stimulate thoughtful discussions of MCH priority areas; and
- Leadership training to advance the mission of Title V.

In addition, in recognition of the number of new Title V Program Directors, the meeting will feature a New Leaders Meeting on Monday, October 16, to provide a basic understanding of the role of Title V Directors as leaders in advancing the MCH mission. Although the focus of this day will be on new leaders, all Title V MCH and CSHCN Directors are invited to attend. There also will be a pre-conference workshop on Tuesday morning, October 17, and a post-conference workshop on Thursday afternoon, October 19.

A preliminary agenda will be shared with you in the near future. I welcome your participation in the MCH Federal/State Partnership TA meeting. If you have questions about the meeting, please contact Michael Spencer, MCHB Project Officer, at (301) 945-5134, or by e-mail at mspencer@hrsa.gov. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely yours,

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