

RHTP Hospital Planning Grant Town Hall

July 24, 2026, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM



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Healthcare and Family Services

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

We improve lives.

- ▶ We address social and structural determinants of health.
- ▶ We empower customers to maximize their health and well being.
- ▶ We provide consistent, responsive service to our colleagues and customers.
- ▶ We make equity the foundation of everything we do.

This is possible because:

- ▶ **We value our staff
as our greatest asset.**

We do this by:

Fully staffing a diverse workforce whose skills and experiences strengthen HFS.

Ensuring all staff and systems work together.

Maintaining a positive workplace where strong teams contribute, grow and stay.

Providing exceptional training programs that develop and support all employees.

- ▶ **We are always
improving.**

We do this by:

Having specific and measurable goals and using analytics to improve outcomes.

Using technology and interagency collaboration to maximize efficiency and impact.

Learning from successes and failures.

- ▶ **We inspire
public confidence.**

We do this by:

Using research and analytics to drive policy and shape legislative initiatives.

Clearly communicating the impacts of our work.

Being responsible stewards of public resources.

Staying focused on our goals.



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Presenter: Melishia Bansa,
Deputy Director of Community Outreach

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Today's Town Hall Audience Focus

- This virtual town hall is meant for hospitals who meet established eligibility criteria for the RHTP Hospital Planning Grant opportunity.
- The intended audience is staff who will be responsible for applying on behalf of their hospital organization.



Introduction of HFS Staff

Presenter: Melishia Bansa

Deputy Director of Community Outreach – Boards & Commissions

HFS Team

- Dani Mendez, Program Director, Rural Health Transformation Program



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Summary of Agenda

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Commissions

Town Hall Agenda

1. Key Updates and Next Steps (5 min)
2. Hospital Planning Grant Revised Spending Plan (30 Min)
 - Guidance Document
 - Live Demonstration of Worksheet
3. Questions and Answers (15 min)

1. Key Updates and Next Steps

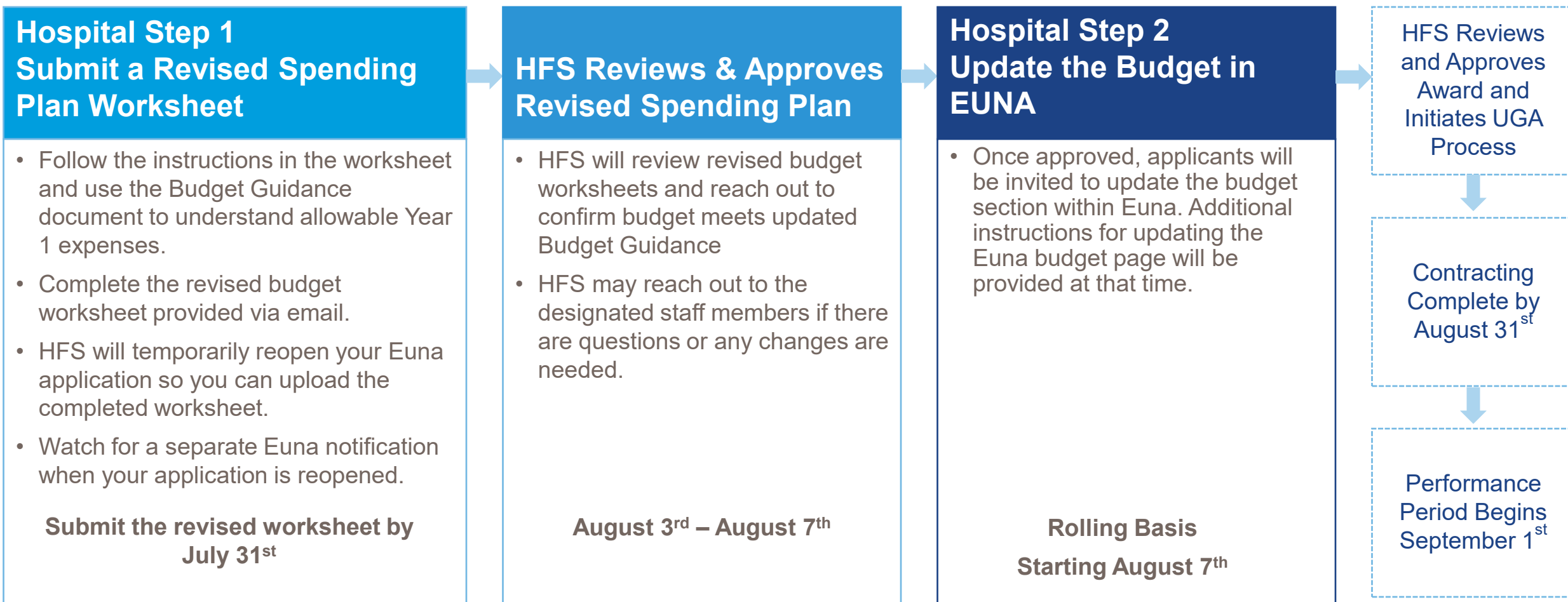
Presenter: Dani Mendez, Program Director, Rural Health Transformation



Key Updates

- Following review of submitted applications, HFS has finalized each hospital's award amount and updated the available spending total to reflect the approved funding level: **\$356,853.07**
- Hospitals must revise and resubmit their spending plans to align with the finalized award amount and ensure all awarded funds are allocated to eligible activities and expenses.
- Once HFS approves the updated spending plan, hospitals will be required to update their budget information within Euna to reflect the approved spending plan. Additional guidance and instructions will be provided in a future communication.

Hospital Planning Budget Review Process



Timeline

Activity		7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24	7/27	7/28	7/29	7/30	7/31	8/3	8/4	8/5	8/6	8/7
Step 1	Revised Spending Plan Template Released														
	TA Session														
	Euna Applications Re-open														
	Question Submission Window														
	Revised Spending Plans Due Back to HFS														
Step 2	HFS Review of Revised Spending Plans														
	Additional Euna Guidance Released														
	Hospitals Start Inputting Information in Euna														



Key Dates

Step 1 - Complete Budget Worksheet

- Review the Budget Guidance Document (sent to Hospitals via email on 7/21)
- Hospitals will receive notice from EUNA that application has been re-opened
- Submit any questions you may have to Jot Form by 4:00pm CT, 7/28
- Submit revised spending plans by 4:00pm CT, 7/31

Step 2 – Update the Budget in Euna

- Review Euna guidance once released (expected 7/31)
- Update budget in Euna once given approval from HFS

2. Revised Spending Plan Demo

Presenter: Milliman team



Q & A

Facilitator: Melishia Bansa – Deputy Director of Community Outreach:
Boards and Commissions

Thank you!



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