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Welcome Address

MICHAEL KOGAN: Well good morning everybody. I just want to make a few brief remarks. On behalf of the HRSA and Maternal Child Health Bureau and Peter van Dyck I'd like to welcome you to the 13th Annual MCH Epidemiology Conference. We're honored to continue to be a co-sponsor for this conference. We continue to work closely with CDC and our other partner organizations on strengthening the maternal and child health epidemiology.

As you know, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau is responsible for administering the Title V Block Grants to states. It's therefore incumbent upon us to provide the information that will help us make the wise programmatic decisions. In that regard in terms of sponsoring programs, we continue to sponsor programs such as a course on MCH epidemiology, the AMCHP pre-conference training, the MCH EPI doctoral fellowships, master's level internships and of course this conference.

And I'd like to take a second to announce that as you may or may not know, the second children's national survey of children's special health care needs was released a couple of weeks ago. This is, as you also may know, it not only

provides national level estimates, it also provides state level estimates. It's a survey of 40,000 kids with children's special health care needs.

Improvements we've made to the first round or this round will include information on functional limitation of children, chronic conditions of children and there'll also be a reference sample of about 5-6,000 kids who don't have special health care needs. So with that, I'd like to move into the plenary honoring Greg. Thank you very much.