

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Occupational Health Surveillance Working Group Meeting

Counting Work-related Injuries and Illnesses: Taking Steps to Close the Gap

April 21-22, 2009
Sheraton Crystal City Hotel
Arlington, VA

Purpose of meeting

- Update participants regarding proposed strategies to improve the BLS and OSHA data collection systems for non-fatal occupational injuries and illnesses
- Increase understanding of policy makers and other stakeholders about what the public health infrastructure has to offer to address surveillance gaps
- Identify specific short and longer range recommendations for improving surveillance of non-fatal occupational injuries and illnesses

Agenda

Day 1 – April 21

Moderator: Tish Davis

9:00 – 9:30 Introductions and overview of meeting

9:30 - 10:15 Goals of Surveillance - Exercise and group discussion

10:15 - 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:00 Improving OSHA/BLS data collection - Panel and discussion

- Kate Newman, BLS
- Dave Schmidt, OSHA
- Peg Seminario, AFL-CIO
- Steve Newell, ORC

12:00 – 1:00 Buffet lunch

1:00 – 3:30 Using the public health infrastructure to fill the gaps – Breakout groups

Group 1. **Clinical data sources**, e.g. hospital inpatient and emergency department records, emergency medical services data, occupational medical monitoring data, electronic health records.
Moderator: Ken Rosenman

Group 2. **Population surveys** (including existing surveys and possible worker surveys)
Moderator: David Wegman

Group 3. **Laboratory and poison center reports**
Moderator: Martha Stanbury

Group 4. **Workers' compensation records**
Moderator: TBN

3:30 – 4:00 Break

4:00 – 5:00 Using cases to target worksite follow-up: Protecting patient/worker confidentiality - Presentation and discussion
Moderator: Robert Harrison

5:00 – 6:00 COSS meeting for NIOSH and state participants
Moderator: Jae Douglas

Day 2 – April 22
Moderator: Ken Rosenman

8:30 - 10:30 Reports from Breakout groups WITH group discussion

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 Reports from Breakout groups (continued)

12:00 – 1:00 Box Lunch Presentation - Jordan Barab, Acting Assistant Secretary of OSHA

1:00 – 3:00 Putting it all together and next steps
Moderators: Tish Davis and Greg Wagner