

Environmental Health – Sunday Workshop Agenda

10:00 – 10:15 am – Welcome/ Introductions

Michael Heumann, Oregon

10:15-11:15 am – Results of the National Assessment of State Cancer Cluster Investigations and Protocols and Facilitated Discussion

Moderator: Martha Stanbury, MI DCH

In 2010, CSTE conducted a national assessment of cancer cluster investigation activities in state health departments. The goal of this assessment was to identify the level and scope of state involvement in cancer cluster investigations and identify current resources and resource needs. Results from this assessment were used to inform the updating of a 1990 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) entitled “Guidelines for Investigating Clusters of Health Events”. The purpose of this session is to provide results from the state cancer cluster assessment, give an update on the draft “Guidelines”, and have a venue to share experiences with recent cancer cluster issues in states.

10:15 – 10:40 am	Results of the National Assessment of State Cancer Cluster Investigations and Protocols Caroline Tai, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
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10:40 – 11:15 am	Facilitated Discussion Martha Stanbury, Michigan Department of Community Health
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11:15-12:00 pm – Strategic Planning Brainstorming Session: Priorities for Preserving Environmental Programs

Facilitators: John Braggio, MD DHMH and Martha Stanbury, MI DCH

This discussion will address some of the on-going challenges that have resulted from changes in federal and state support for environmental health, with an emphasis on environmental epidemiology. Following short presentations by representatives from five states (MD, FL, GA, NJ, MI), attendees will be asked to describe impacts of changes in budgets and mandates on their states’ EH programs, how their programs have responded, what impacts are expected in the future and what strategies are likely to be successful in addressing anticipated challenges.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Provided)

1:00 – 3:00 pm – Environmental Public Health Tracking: Role in Prevention and Public Health Response

Moderator: Ekta Choudhary, CDC

Environmental Public Health Tracking is the ongoing collection, integration, analysis, interpretation, and dissemination of data from environmental hazard monitoring, and from human exposure and health effects surveillance. Since the network launched, public health officials have used the Tracking Network to implement prevention strategies and to respond to public health concerns. For example, state and local Tracking Programs have used their public and secure portals to improve emergency response in New Mexico; answer community

concerns about cancer and potential links to environmental hazards in Maryland; target school-based asthma prevention strategies in Pennsylvania; and reduce exposure from arsenic-contaminated drinking water in Oregon. This session will include a few examples of how the Tracking Network has been used and a discussion focused on identifying additional content and functionality for the Tracking Network to improve its utility for public health prevention and response activities.

Speakers:

1:00 – 1:25 pm	Mark Werner, Wisconsin Department of Health Service
1:25 – 1:50 pm	Blair Sevcik, Minnesota Department of Health
1:50 – 2:15 pm	Barbara Toth, New Mexico Department of Health
2:15 – 2:40 pm	Glen Patrick and Juliet VanEenwyk, Washington State Department of Health
2:40 – 3:00 pm	Question & Answer

3:00 – 3:30 pm Break

Concurrent Sessions – Please Choose One to Attend

3:30 – 5:00 pm - Exercise, Exercise, Exercise: Chemical Incident Tabletop

Room 214

Moderators: Betsy Kagey, GA DPH, Rachel Roisman, CDPH, Maureen Orr, CDC/NCEH/ATSDR, and Amy Wolkin, CDC/NCEH

Attendees will engage in a Tabletop Exercise on the epidemiologic response to a disaster scenario to initiate problem-solving discussions. The objectives of this workshop would be to identify questions that need to be asked and answered with regard to:

- Collecting short term and long-term data on victims and the exposed population
- Actions needed to provide situational awareness for timely public health response and
- Identifying the needs, steps and capability (capacity) for registry development

OR

3:30 – 5:00 pm – Denominators for Environmental and Occupational Health Surveillance

Room 213

Moderator: Thomas W. Largo, MPH, Michigan Department of Community Health

The final session of the day will provide training on using national databases for denominator data. Speakers will provide descriptions, including strengths and weaknesses, of the primary sources of demographic and employment data. Presenters will describe several sources of data that may be used as denominators in the calculation of general population and occupational injury and illness rates and demonstrate how the data can be accessed.

3:30-4:15 pm	U.S. Census, American Community Survey (ACS) Jerry O'Donnell, BA, U. S. Census Bureau
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4:15-4:45 pm	Current Population Survey (CPS) Larry Jackson, PhD, NIOSH Division of Safety Research
4:45-5:00 pm	Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Occupational Employment Statistics (OES), County Business Patterns (CBP), US Department of Agriculture – Census of Agriculture John Myers, MS, NIOSH Division of Safety Research
5:00 pm	Break
6:30 pm	Environmental/Occupational/Injury Social Event: Upstream Brewing Company, 514 South 11th Street