

Executive Board
June 19, 2009

Present: Mel Kohn Perry Smith Steve Ostroff
Martha Stanbury Laurene Mascola Michael Landen
Sara Huston Duc Vugia Pat McConnon
LaKesha Robinson Jennifer Lemmings

Absent: Bob Rolfs Tom Safranek

Minutes

The Executive Board adopted the Minutes from the May 15 Executive Board Conference Call.

Legislative Update (Marcia Mabee)

Senate HELP Committee is marking up their Health Care Reform legislation. Title III, which contains the major public health provisions, includes \$10 billion for a prevention/wellness investment. Title IV contains the SAPHSA (Strengthening America's Public Health System Act) section authorizing the CDC public health fellowship programs (e.g., the CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellowship program).

Sen. Bingaman will offer an amendment to Title III on June 22 that contains the ELC authorization section from SAPHSA.

Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) is working to get all of SAPHSA included in the House version of health care reform. That bill will be unveiled June 19. It is likely to also match the Senate prevention-wellness investment. The House will begin its mark up next week. The bill reflects the merged work of three authorizing committees: Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and Workforce.

The Senate HELP Committee bill must be merged with the Senate Finance Committee bill and presents an opportunity for knocking out the prevention-wellness provisions. Advocacy efforts by ASTHO affiliates are currently focused on the White House and persuading President Obama to stand by the public health provisions as a necessary part of health care reform and controlling health care costs. CSTE is involved and wrapped into those efforts.

Other issues: The War Supplemental Appropriations bill passed Congress this week and is headed to the White House for the President's expected signature. It includes \$350 million for upgrading state and local H1N1 preparedness. Steve Ostroff asked for the conference report language. It is below.

FY 2010 Appropriations -- the House Labor-HHS-Ed Subcommittee plans to mark up on July 8 with full committee on July 14. The Senate will mark up the week of July 20.

War Supplemental Conference Report language on pandemic preparedness:

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY FUND

(including transfer of funds

For an additional amount for ``Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund" to prepare for and respond to an [1606](#) influenza **pandemic**[1607](#), including the development and purchase of [1608](#) vaccine, antivirals, necessary medical supplies, diagnostics, [1609](#) and other surveillance tools and to assist international [1610](#) efforts and respond to international needs relating to the [1611](#) 2009-H1N1 influenza outbreak, \$1,850,000,000, to remain [1612](#) available until expended: Provided, That no less than [1613](#) \$350,000,000 shall be for upgrading State and local capacity: [1614](#) Provided further, That no less than \$200,000,000 shall be [1615](#) transferred to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [1616](#) to carry out global and domestic disease surveillance, [1617](#) laboratory capacity and research, laboratory diagnostics, risk [1618](#) communication, rapid response, and quarantine: Provided [1619](#) further, That products purchased with these funds may, at the [1620](#) discretion of the Secretary of Health and Human Services [1621](#) ("Secretary"), be deposited in the Strategic National [1622](#) Stockpile under section 319F-2 of the Public Health Service [1623](#) Act: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 496(b) of [1624](#) the Public Health Service Act, funds may be used for the [1625](#) construction or renovation of privately owned facilities for [1626](#) the production of **pandemic** influenza vaccine and other [1627](#) biologics, where the Secretary finds such a contract necessary [1628](#) to secure sufficient supplies of such vaccines or biologics: [1629](#) Provided further, That funds appropriated in this paragraph and [1630](#) not specifically designated in this paragraph may be [1631](#) transferred to, and merged with, other appropriation accounts [1632](#) of the Department of Health and Human Services and other [1633](#) Federal agencies, as determined by the Secretary to be [1634](#) appropriate, to be used for the purposes specified in this [1635](#) paragraph and to the fund authorized by section 319F-4 of the [1636](#) Public Health Service Act: Provided further, That transfers to [1637](#) other Federal agencies shall be made in consultation with the [1638](#) Director of the Office of Management and Budget: Provided [1639](#) further, That 15 days prior to transferring any funds in this [1640](#) paragraph, the Secretary shall notify the Committees on [1641](#) Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate [1642](#) of any such transfer and the planned uses of the funds:

1642 Provided further, That the transfer authority provided in this
1643 paragraph is in addition to any other transfer authority
1644 available in this or any other Act.
1645 For an additional amount for ``Public Health and Social
1646 Services Emergency Fund" to prepare for and respond to an
1647 influenza <<pandemic>>, including the development and purchase of
1648 vaccine, antivirals, necessary medical supplies, diagnostics,
1649 and other surveillance tools and to assist international
1650 efforts and respond to international needs, \$5,800,000,000, to
1651 remain available until expended: Provided, That products
1652 purchased with these funds may, at the discretion of the
1653 Secretary of Health and Human Services, be deposited in the
1654 Strategic National Stockpile under section 319F-2 of the Public
1655 Health Service Act: Provided further, That funds provided in
1656 this paragraph shall be available for obligation only in the
1657 amounts designated by the President in one or more written
1658 notices to the Congress as emergency funds required to address
1659 critical needs related to emerging influenza viruses: Provided
1660 further, That funds appropriated in this paragraph may be
1661 transferred to, and merged with, other appropriation accounts
1662 of the Department of Health and Human Services and other
1663 Federal agencies to be used for the purposes specified in this
1664 paragraph and to the fund authorized by section 319F-4 of the
1665 Public Health Service Act: Provided further, That transfers to
1666 other Federal agencies shall be made in consultation with the
1667 Director of the Office of Management and Budget: Provided
1668 further, That none of the funds provided in this paragraph
1669 shall be made available for obligation until 15 days following
1670 the submittal of a detailed obligation plan to the Committees
1671 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
1672 Senate by the Department of Health and Human Services or any
1673 other Federal agency receiving funds: Provided further, That
1674 such plan shall be coordinated with the Executive Office of the
1675 President, shall identify the amounts and the activities for
1676 which funds are specified by the President, and shall be
1677 subject to reprogramming procedures: Provided further, That the
1678 transfer authority provided in this paragraph is in addition to
1679 any other transfer authority available in this or any other

The Executive Board conference calls have been scheduled for the second Friday of each month at 1 p.m. EST. Below are the dates that the EB calls do not fall on the second Friday of each month.

August 7, 2009
November 6, 2009
February 5, 2010
March 5, 2010
May 7, 2009

The content of the CSTE Executive Board conference calls will focus on the list of EB priorities and strategies discussions. Mel's assistant will contact each Executive Board member to schedule a time to talk with Mel about their priorities and expectations from CSTE and Mel. The information that is discussed will govern the agenda of upcoming Executive Board conference calls.

Action Item:

- Pat will check with Bob Rolfs for EB conference calls schedule conflict.

Tentative Executive Board Meeting Locations

September/October - Atlanta, Georgia
January - Portland, Oregon
March - Washington, DC

New CSTE Letterhead

The new CSTE letterhead was presented to the Executive Board for review of their titles and departments. The letterhead was attached to the conference call e-mail reminder.

Action Item:

- Changes to the CSTE letterhead should be forwarded to Beverly.

HIV/AIDS Operation Rules

The HIV/AIDS Operation Rules were presented to the Executive Board for endorsement. The document was attached to the conference call e-mail reminder.

Action Item

- Laurene Mascola will review the HIV/AIDS document and provide the EB with a summary and a recommendation.

Miscellaneous

- The overall synopsis of the annual meeting will be placed on the next EB agenda conference call.
- The Executive Board Orientation Manual will be mailed out to the new Executive Board Members.