

Executive Board Conference Call
July 10, 2009

Present: Perry Smith Laurene Mascola Tom Safranek
 Martha Stanbury Michael Landen Pat McConnon
 LaKesha Robinson Jennifer Lemmings

Guest: Marcia Mabee

Absent: Steve Ostroff Melvin Kohn Bob Rolfs
 Duc Vugia Sara Huston

Legislative Update (Marcia Mabee)

The Health Care Reform Bill includes major provisions in SAPHSA and is working its way through the Congressional Committee process.

CSTE Annual Meeting Summary

LaKesha Robinson reported on the results of the annual conference evaluations. The comments and overall results were positive, but there were recommendations for improvement. CSTE received 182 overall conference evaluations. The Executive Board proposed to incorporate previous annual conference evaluation results with current results for comparison. The results of the annual conference evaluations were attached to the conference call e-mail reminder.

Action Items:

- Incorporate previous-year results to compare with current results.
- Solicit expert advice on getting attendees to fill out conference evaluations.
- Forward the comments results to the Planning Committee.
- Perry Smith noted that the planning committee should address waiving the fees of speakers who only attend the annual conference to present.

HIV Operating Rules for Board Approval

The HIV Operating Rules for Board Approval has been tabled until the next Executive Board Conference call due to the large number of absences on the call.

Cooperative Agreement Update

Pat McConnon reported on the Cooperative Agreement Projects below. Pat also mentioned that CSTE has received the FSR document and will have an operating budget of 10 million dollars for this Cooperative Agreement Year.

- CIFOR Guidelines
 - o 10,000 CIFOR Guidelines books will be mailed next week.
 - o CSTE will have a press release next week via PR News Wire.
- Influenza Incidence Pilots

- o Eight states have been awarded funds for the Influenza Incidence Pilot project. The funded states will report age characteristics of their populations and sampling of specimens, and rapid testing kits will be provided by CSTE.

Overview of Influenza Preparedness Activities

ASTHO and CDC held a meeting June 30 - July 1 to discuss influenza preparedness activities. CSTE had 12 senior representatives attending the meeting.

ASTHO is facilitating another meeting in Washington, D.C. for associations that had a role in distributing the influenza communications. The agenda will focus on how organizations contributed to the influenza preparedness activities and collecting feedback for improvement. ASTHO is requesting a representative from the CSTE Board.

The CDC/CSTE Influenza Surveillance group is looking at the lessons learned during the H1N1 outbreak and translating them into strategies that can be used in surveillance for Fall 2009. CSTE (Ken Gershman) and CDC (Lyn Fineli) are co-chairing this workgroup. APHL is also participating. Two members of the EB (Bob Rolfs and Laurene Mascola) are participants of this workgroup.

The Vaccine Strategic Planning group also has several CSTE members: Laurene Mascola, Gus Birkhead, Dale Morse, Gil Chavez and Chris Hahn.

The Community Mitigation Planning group (Weekly State and CDC H1N1 Community Measures Call) is focusing on developing School Dismissal Guidelines and will continue to have weekly scheduled conference calls.

Other New Business

- The Epidemiology Capacity Assessment is in the final stage of data collection. State Epidemiologists have or soon will receive a summary of the captured data and will be asked to validate.
- There are several publications forthcoming that will be developed in consultation with Jim Hadler (CSTE Summary Report; *MMWR*; and Peer-reviewed Journal article focusing on 2009 data).