

2013-2014 Executive Board Conference Call

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Executive Board

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1. Minutes

August minutes approved.

2. Cooperative Agreement: Jeff Engel (CSTE)

CSTE Competitive Cooperative Agreement Year One funding starts July 1 with a \$10 million budget. The Base Grant is funded in the amount of \$3 million and is housed in the Center for Surveillance Epidemiology & Laboratory Services. Jeff is scheduled to meet with Dr. Chesley Richards Sept. 9, to discuss CSELS's priorities and how they will align with CSTE's priorities.

3. The Epidemiology Methods Subcommittee: Joe McLaughlin (AK)

CSTE Member Lead: Matt Thomas (VT)

The purpose of this subcommittee is to increase the knowledge and practice of epidemiological methods in state, local, tribal and territorial settings. It will strive to support workforce development and institutional capacity building and provide guidance on the intersection of epidemiology and public health.

The potential projects:

- Conducting an assessment of scientific writing capacity and MMWR publishing from state, local, territorial and tribal epidemiologists.
- Supporting the revision of the Competencies for Applied Epidemiologists in Governmental Public Health Agencies (Applied Epidemiology Competencies).
- Facilitating training webinars to provide informal continuing education for the current workforce, focusing on epidemiology methods rooted in the Applied Epidemiology Competencies.
- Developing case studies and best practice reports to increase the availability of teaching tools for epidemiologists without formal training.

- Publishing quarterly newsletter articles in the CSTE newsletter highlighting epidemiology methods in practice.

4. PH/Primary Care Integration Subcommittee: Jeff Engel (CSTE)

CSTE Member Co-Leads: Tom Safranek (NE) and Katrina Hedberg (OR)

This is a policy group that will work with affiliates ASTHO and NACCHO with an emphasis on Applied Epidemiology Workforce. The group has 20 active participants. The subcommittee is funded through the new Cooperative Agreement under the new Workforce project: Health Service Integration Program.

Projects:

- Ten EISO graduates will be placed into state and local health departments as host sites to work on integration of the public health systems with clinical care systems of a community. CSTE will administer and development the curriculum for this project.
- CDC Community Guide project will take a look at how a community is integrating clinical preventative measures at the population level to improve population health:
 - Proposed tasks:
 - What is the role of the epidemiologist in these activities/communities?
 - Integrating immunization registries with electronic health records
 - Meaningful use implementation
 - Using the community guide for prevention of cardiovascular diseases

5. All State Epi Call: Tim Jones (TN)

Feedback

1. The next call format will be WebEx.
2. Provide a quick Survey Monkey after the call for feedback.
3. Proposed follow-up all State Epi call with Dr. Richard Chesley (CSELS).
4. Participants were uncommunicative.
5. Next scheduled call Sept. 23, 2013.
 - Invited guest: APHL: "The Influenza Right Size Project"

6. Other Business

Lyme disease conference call: Jeff Engel (CSTE)

The conference call was in reference to the CDC Lyme disease press release that indicates an estimated 300,000 Americans are diagnosed with the burden of Lyme disease each year. CDC will use the phrase "burden of Lyme disease" as a new concept for an effective marking tool for the prevention of Lyme disease. What CDC would like CSTE members to understand is that "burden of Lyme disease" does not necessarily mean a truly infected individual. Jeff will work in partnership with CDC to address the new concept message and its promotion strategies with applied epidemiologists.

Peer review request: Renee Calanan (CO)

Executive Board Member Renee Calanan has requested the Executive Board conduct a peer review on the oral health white paper, "State-Base Oral Surveillance Systems-Conceptual Framework and Operational Definition." The distribution plan for this document once CSTE approves it: post on the CSTE website as a feature on the front page, list on the CSTE publication page, and send out to Oral Health point of contact, CD/MCH/Oral Health Steering Committee, and ASTD for their work on the project. The authors are planning to submit this as a manuscript to the Journal Prevention Chronic Disease once it has been released as a CSTE document. Final comments on the oral health white paper are due to Renee Calanan by Friday, Sept. 20, 2013.