

CSTE Executive Committee Meeting
September 24-26
CSTE National Office/Kroger Center, Atlanta GA

Present: Eddy Bresnitz Robert Harrison Perry Smith
Melvin Kohn Martha Stanbury John Horan
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Shundra Clinton

Review Minutes

Minutes from the 2007 Business meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the 2007 Atlantic City, New Jersey, business meeting was brought from the floor, and seconded by the Executive Committee. A vote was taken, and the 2007 Business meeting minutes were approved.

Executive Committee Updates/Approvals

- **Finalize Committee Structure for 2007/2008**
 - o The CSTE staff is to purge the consultant data base for delinquent members who have not renewed their membership in the last two years.
 - o The committee chair is to forward appointed leads and the updates for the groups and teams to Patrick McConnon or Lakesha Robinson.
 - o Bob Harrison will take the lead on restructuring the consultants program and will present a proposal at the CSTE January Executive Committee Meeting.
- **Media Relations**
 - o Kris Smith has been retained as CSTE public relations spokesperson for the 2008 Annual Conference.
 - o The CSTE staff is responsible for selecting the abstracts to highlight in the media during the 2008 Annual conference.
- **National Office Update on CSTE Cooperative Agreement-funded Activities**
 - o CSTE Budget
 - CSTE has been awarded \$4.199 million in funding in direct cost and a total of \$5.333million awarded indirect and direct cost.
 - CSTE has a total of \$600,000 carryover funds.
 - o **Executive Committee**
 - National Notifiable Disease List Update
 - 2008 Annual Conference
 - 2009 Epidemiology Capacity Assessment
 - Maintain Support for the CSTE /Applied Epidemiology Fellowship
 - 11 Infectious Disease/Quarantine Fellow
 - 7 Maternal and Child Health Fellow
 - 2 Birth Defect Fellow
 - 3 Chronic Disease Fellows
 - 4 Environmental Health Fellows
 - 2 Injury Fellows

- Cross Cutting Indicator Web Development
 - Epidemiology Training in Conjunction with CSTE annual meeting
 - Provide technical input into the activities of the Epidemiology Education Movement
 - Facilitate a Global Epidemiology Exchange Program
- **Chronic Disease and Maternal and Child Health**
 - o Support Consultations such as CDI Working group
 - o Support for CD Fellows placed in North Carolina, Georgia and Maine
 - o Support for MCH Fellows placed in TX, FL, AK, MA, VA, WA, and PA
- **Environmental Health**
 - o Host the Environmental Health Tracking Meeting in conjunction with the CSTE meeting
 - o Development and Pilot testing of EH indicators in states
 - o Support for multiple workgroups and enhanced indicator development process
- **Infectious Diseases**
 - o Support for NASPHV Compendiums
 - o Provide support for short term technical consultations (influenza) Southeast Asia and China
 - o A CDC/CSTE jointly sponsored consultation on Routine Vaccination against Influenza for Older Children
 - o Enable 2-3 states to participate in the Influenza Super Sentinel Surveillance Pilot Project
 - o Develop of standards and guidelines for Foodborne outbreaks and detection.
 - o Maintain Support for HIV/AIDS Surveillance Workgroup Activities
 - o Support for ID Fellows placed in Atlanta, FL, TN, NY, MI and CA
- **Injury**
 - o Development of an E-codes Toolbox
 - o Assessment of State Injury Laws, rules, and regulations
 - o Support for INJ Fellows placed in OR and MA
- **Occupational Health**
 - o Host the annual SENSOR/ABLES meeting in conjunction with the CSTE annual meeting
 - o Occupational Indicators work: updating guidance documents and generation indicator data.

Committee Reports

- **Infectious**
 - o CST provided on average \$20,770 to 37 state, local, and territorial health agencies as part of the avian influenza rapid response trainings held earlier this year.
 - With these funds, state, local and territorial health agencies expect to train up to 7,169 avian influenza response personnel through 118 training courses.
 - o A CDC/CSTE jointly sponsored consultation on Routine Vaccination against Influenza for Older Children (5-18 years) - Developing plans to address

evidence gaps and implementation challenges was held September 10-11, 2007 in Atlanta, GA.

- Invited participants included child immunization experts, city/county and state public health and immunization program officials, education and student health officials, and other immunization implementation experts.
 - The meeting summary will be presented to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) in October 2007 as part of discussions on possible expansion of influenza vaccination recommendation to all children 5+18 years of age.
- o In November 2006, A CDC/CSTE jointly sponsored Consultation on Influenza Surveillance was convened that considered the objectives and uses of influenza surveillance at the national, state, and local level and to discuss options for improvement and modification.
 - A follow-up to this meeting will take place December 5-6 in Atlanta and will bring together the local, state, and federal public health officials that have participated in the CDC/CSTE influenza surveillance workgroups formed to address the recommendations of the November 2006 meeting.
- o CSTE will be distributing a RFP to enable a 2-3 states to participate in the Influenza Super Sentinel Surveillance Pilot Project, which will build upon the existing Influenza Sentinel Provider Surveillance Network to enhance ILI and virologic surveillance during the interpandemic period and to test protocols that could meet some of the needs for increased surveillance during a pandemic.
 - The pilot will be conducted in a few states with select providers that have the capability to successfully test the protocol.
 - Providers will be required to collect data on the number of ILI visits and total patient visits on a daily basis and obtain specimens from a subset of ILI cases identified throughout the influenza season (Week 40-Week 20). Start date is TBD.
- **FoodSafety/CIFOR**
 - o Current CSTE CIFOR activities include:
 - Development of overall programs guidelines (Lead Technical Consultant: Jac Davies)
 - Program performance evaluation indicators (Lead Technical Consultant: Craig Hedberg, University of Minnesota)-near completion.
 - o CIFOR has drafted a governance proposal describing roles of the participation organizations of CIFOR.
 - o CIFOR has identified future projects to proceed on once funding becomes available.
 - o The National Foodborne Epidemiologists Meeting is again being held in conjunction with the CSTE Annual Conference (2008).
 - o The next CIFOR meeting will be in March, 2008.
- **HIV/AIDS**

- o Staffing monthly conference calls of HIV/AIDS Surveillance Coordinators and maintaining email distribution lists.
- o Maintaining a secure on-line discussion board and a secure online national database for HIV/AIDS Surveillance Coordinators.
- o Administered The National Assessment of HIV/AIDS Surveillance Capacity and Training to 64 HIV/AIDS Programs jurisdictions
 - The goals of this assessment are to obtain detailed information from HIV/AIDS surveillance coordinators concerning funding and staff resources available to surveillance program units within their agencies overall organizational structure; and assess variations and similarities of jurisdictional practices from one surveillance program to another.
 - Developing a new surveillance Coordinator Orientation Manual.
 - Letter of concern for the delay in both the behavioral surveillance (NHBS) FOA and the core/resistance/incidence FOA was sent to Dr. Kevin Fenton
- **NASPHV**
 - o Drafted and sent out a letter in collaboration with NASPHV concerning FDA Turtle Regulations.
 - o Providing members with travel support for the upcoming Rabies Compendium and Psittacosis Compendium.
- **Tribal**
 - o Staff support for the Tribal Workgroup quarterly conference.
 - o Completed the Tribal Assessment to evaluate the public health surveillance issues associated with Indian Country from the perspective of states
 - o Planning a Tribal Epidemiology Meeting and Identifying funding sources to develop recommendations to states, federal agencies and CSTE regarding public health surveillance, data sharing and public health authority in Indian Country.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - o Supporting the Border and International Health Workgroup in ensuring healthy migration for immigrants and refugees.
 - o CSTE Annual Conference program agenda development.
- **Occupational/Environmental**
 - o The occupational group is achieving their objectives with indicators and other projects.
 - o The occupational minimum guidelines for occupational surveillance are under review with NIOSH.
 - o The occupational indicators project is on schedule.
 - o The environmental indicators project is in a holding pattern.
 - o The SEHIC group is undergoing restructuring.
- **Injury**
 - o The injury has received \$164K for the last two years
 - o Improving External Cause Coding
 - Surveyed states to identify successful strategies. MMWR in preparation.
 - Workgroup for External Cause Coding Improvement (WECCI)

- Aligning position statements from professional groups (CSTE, STIPDA, APHA, AHIMA, ASTHO, NAHDO, for starters)
 - Focus on policy solutions rather than just “ education”
 - Monitoring federal legislation
 - Future plans for advocacy summit, AJPH editorial, Injury Prevention editorial
- CDC working on R&R on External Cause Coding, per CSTE Resolution(CDC has agreed to policy change)
- o Injury Surveillance Workgroup
 - ISW4 completed report on Recommendations for Surveillance of Falls
 - ISW5 just completed revision of Consensus Recommendations for Injury Surveillance in State Health Departments
 - ISW6 to grapple with definition of injury in administrative database
- o CSTE Injury Fellows
 - Heidi Purcell in Oregon: Surveillance of falls, Adolescent suicide attempt surveillance, Survey on non-traffic bicycle crash injuries
 - Carrie Huisingh in Massachusetts: Mortality from falls, Evaluating NVDRS-MA
- o Consultations
 - Surveillance for pedestrian injuries (John Horan)
- o Annual Meeting Planning
 - NVDRS Reverse Site Visit
- o Injury Indicators
 - Originally began as part of development of the National Public Health Surveillance System (NPHSS): See White Paper by Meriwether
 - How do we expand public health surveillance beyond reportable diseases?
 - Need to incorporate databases used for non-communicable disease surveillance (e.g., Hospital Discharge Database)
 - Get States to access and understand their data
- o Current indicators developed for (All available at CSTE)
 - Chronic Disease (90 indicators, compiled by CDC, new website)
 - Injuries (11 topic areas, 3rd edition, now 34 states participate, required in cooperative agreement)
 - Occupational Health (19 indicators, Hazard/Exposure/Health Outcome/Interventions, on CSTE website, required in NIOSH cooperative agreement)
 - Environmental Health (9 topic areas, “How-To” Guide, link with EPHTN)
- o Indicators update Session at Annual Meeting
 - Should there be a standard format for these indicators?
 - How should the indicators be updated or revised, and how often/
 - How should indicators that cross subject areas be handled?
 - How should indicator data be disseminated?
 - What Should CSTE’s role being in indicator development?

- What is the level of interest in the various Centers at CDC for supporting this effort, and what should CDC's role be?
 - o Next Steps
 - CSTE "Portal", one stop Shopping.
 - Integration with efforts to standardize reportable disease reporting?
- **Chronic**
 - o The capacity assessment profile has been distributed and working with committee to analyze additional state data from ECA.
 - o The Chronic Indicators are available on CSTE Website.
 - o The group has scheduled a conference call to discuss the 2008 Annual Meeting.
 - o The Chronic group is deciding on whether to keep oral health as a chronic project area.
 - o CDC has responded to the 2007 chronic disease position statement. The response is available on the CSTE website.
 - o MCH/ORAL contact is Bill Sappenfield. This group would like to be more involved and have larger presence at the annual conference.
- **Public Health Informatics Team Update**
 - o The Public Health Informatics Team hosted a PHIN pre-conference work shop during the CSTE Annual Conference in Atlantic City on June 24, 2007. CSTE members and CDC employees discussed the latest PHIN requirements, NEDSS assessment of states and territories to get an accurate picture of the landscape of state-developed and commercial products in use nationwide.
 - o Retreat on September 26, 2007
 - o NEDSS State and Local Electronic Disease Surveillance Software System Assessment
 - Analyzing results from phase 1-100 % response rate
 - Writing summary of results

2008 Annual Meeting Update

- **Theme selected for the Conference**
 - o *Public Health Epidemiology: Adapting to a Changing World*
- **Plenaries**
 - o Monday
 - Topic: Public Health Epidemiology in a Changing World(This session could included all types of changes that affect PH, Epi, including environmental, occupational, sociodemographic)
 - Lead Contacts: Perry Smith and Bob Harrison
 - o Suggested speakers:
 - Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, on climate change and sustainability
 - Al Gore, on climate change
 - Joel Schwartz on environmental change
 - Dr. Mike Edmonds(VA Commonwealth Un.) on new ID Threats (ge.MRSA)
 - Dr. Sherry Baron (NIOSH), on changing economies in the US an overseas on occupational health of low paid workers

- Howie Frumkin (NCEH Director), on climate change
- Lee Newman (Denver), on environmental and occupational lung disease
- Dr. Tom Frieden (NYC Commissioner), on change in epidemiology
- o Tuesday
 - Topic: Gathering Public Health Information in the “Information” Age(This session could included anything on surveillance, AHIC, syndromic surveillance, PH Measurement, the new CDC Taskforce etc)
 - Jim Marks (PHI), on how “informatics” is affecting PH Surveillance
 - Larry Hanrahan (WI)
 - AHRQ/RTI Speaker, on a Methodology for Estimating State Medicaid Costs for Chronic Diseases
 - Lead Contact: Perry Smith and Tom Safranek
 - Suggested Speakers:
 - Jim Marks (PHI), on how “informatics” is affecting PH Surveillance
 - Larry Hanrahan (WI)
 - AHRQ/RTI Speaker, on a Methodology for Estimating State Medicaid Costs for Chronic Diseases
- o Wednesday
 - Topic: Presenting Epidemiologic Information to the Public (This Session might include public information exchange, QALYS, public opinion research, translating science into PH practice or intervention etc)
 - Lead Contact: Mel Kohn and John Horan
 - Suggested Speakers:
 - Dr. Robert Blendon (Harvard SPH) on public opinion research
 - Kris Smith (CSTE Consultant) on how to write a report and talk to the public to sell your PH message
 - Chris Murray on QALYS
 - How to Make Ethical Decision in PH, and How PH Help Health Care Practitioners Make Ethical Decisions During Emergencies
 - Dr. Tom Frieden (NYC Commissioner), on presenting Epi information to the public

Review of Topics and Abstract Submission Form

- o The committee’s final lists of topics are due to Lakesha on 9/28.
- o The call for abstract will be announced on October 1, 2007.
- o CSTE staff will add examples of learning objectives to the abstract process.
- o The deadline to submit an abstract in November 2, 2007.

CMEs

- o CMEs have been approved for the 2008 Annual Conference.

Legislative Update (Marcia Mabee)

- o In Appropriations, CSTE Priorities workforce development has 2 million allocate in the senate bill and have language in the house bill for CDC to provide a committed source of funding for the Workforce Development.

- o The CSTE authorization bill is with Representative Terry and Senator Hegel and just waiting for a response. CSTE has provided edits to the bill to clear up the language in early august.
- o The Turtle bill regulation is being finalized and headed to the President for signature.
- o Senator Clinton has reintroduce the Environmental Health bill that authorization health tracking program at CDC and within it there is an authorization for the non infectious disease aspect of the CSTE Fellowship program.

CSTE Miscellaneous

- Working Dinner
 - o The Executive Committee will discuss the Pumphandle award and the Jonathan Mann lectures nominations during dinner.
- Lakesha has submitted the State Epidemiologist orientation manual to Eddy and is currently been reviewed.
 - o Mel Kohn has suggestion from Mel Kohn- EC members to be mentors by (regions) to state epidemiologists
 - o Each Executive Committee member becomes a mentor with a state epidemiologist.
- Regional Epidemiologists Meetings
 - o A suggestion was made that CSTE sure make an to connect with the regional epi meeting/ add to the Vision meeting