

Executive Committee Conference Call September 22, 2006

Present: Pat McConnon, Bob Harrison, Allen Craig, Eddy Bresnitz, Mark Baptiste, Beverly Christner, Mack Sewell, Mel Kohn, Michael Landen, Ellen Mangione, Perry Smith, David Johnson and Shundra Clinton.

Absent: Jo Hoffman, Lakesha Robinson

Tribal Survey

- The Tribal group has proposed sending out a survey to state health departments to collect information about how they interact with tribal entities in their jurisdiction.
- The survey was approved by the Executive Committee with the following revisions to add two questions at the beginning of the survey.
 - o Do you have a federal recognized tribe?
 - o Do you have an interaction with tribe entities other than a federal recognized tribe?

OHRP/PRAMS –Interpretation of Research vs. Practice

- CSTE has a request for funding from Robert Wood Johnson for three Public Health Law projects.
- CSTE will gather more information about PRAMS decision by OHRP.
- A conference call is scheduled for October 3, 2006 with RWJ and the Executive Committee will revisit this issue during the October Executive Committee Meeting.
- David Johnson is following up with John Middaugh and will follow-up with Pat McConnon with an email regarding the status of a letter to OHRP from Florida Department of Health.

OMB Visit by Pat McConnon (Executive Director) and Eddy Bresnitz (President Elect)

- There is a scheduled meeting with OMB on Monday, September 25, 2006 from 3:30 to 5:00 with Pat McConnon, Eddy Bresnitz and Marcia Mabee.
- On the agenda are the following: The CSTE revised Legislative Priorities including workforce, surveillance priorities, and state capacity building.

EPA Initiative Endorsement Letter

- The EPA Initiative Endorsement letter was approved by Executive Committee.

NHSN Rapid Assessment Survey Project

- A proposal from CDC is to develop the National Healthcare Safety Network as a web base surveillance system which could provide a platform for rapid surveys for an aftermath public health emergency.
- Invite Bruce Tierney from CDC to the October Executive Committee meeting to discuss the NHSN proposal.
- Ellen Mangione will develop the questions for this discussion and contact SHEA

Elimination of ICD10 E-Codes

- Melvin Kohn has been working with a group of partners from ASTHO, APHA, and STIPDA on how to improve external cost coding for hospital discharge and emergency room data bases.

- A bill is pending before congress with a specific date for ICD10. The concern is part of a clause that is included in the bill. *“The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall insure that no health care provided is required to code to a level of specificity that would require documentation of non medical information on external cause of any given cause of injury.”*
- Melvin Kohn is working on a draft letter with Marcia Mabee.

BDS Release of PEP Guidelines on 9/22

- An official release from CDC is expected today. September 22, 2006.

Survey on Existing Influenza Surveillance Systems

- The survey should only take ten minutes to fill out.
- The Surveillance coordinators will fill out the survey.
- The survey is set to go out next week.
- The survey was approved by the Executive Committee.

Border Health – Ellen

- Border Health will be addressed at next conference call.

Conference Theme

- “Eliminating Health Disparities: Data to Action”
- The conference theme was approved by the Executive Committee.

OMS

- Outbreak Management System developed by CDC is almost ready to re-implemented but may be put on hold. Allen Craig feels that system would be very useful once finished. This would be the third system developed by CDC with time and money invested and not launched.
- Pat McConnon will schedule a conference call with OMS-Rich Besser with several Executive Committee Officers. (Perry Smith, Eddy Bresnitz, Ellen Mangione, C. Mack Sewell).
- Allen Craig will draft a follow up letter after the conference call.