

Infectious Disease Steering Committee quarterly call
Tuesday, October 04, 2011 2 pm ET
Infectious Disease Steering Committee chair: Al DeMaria

CSTE leadership in attendance: Lauren Rosenberg (CSTE), Al DeMaria (MA), Marion Kainer (TN), Kirk Smith (MN), Kathy Harriman (CA), Tim Jones (TN), Laurene Mascola (LA County)

Agenda:

1. Subcommittee updates

a. Food safety (Kirk Smith)

- i. Toolkit state trainings – 19 sites received small subgrants from CSTE to conduct trainings on the CIFOR *Guidelines* using the Toolkit. The 19 sites had great experiences, and CSTE is funding 2 additional sites to conduct additional trainings. If your state/jurisdiction is interested, please contact Lauren at LRosenberg@cste.org.
- ii. The process to evaluate & plan an update the CIFOR *Guidelines* will begin soon.

b. HAI (Marion Kainer)

- i. Marion will follow up with Jim Daniel of HIT-ONC regarding the Meaningful Use position statement and put forward the need to meet the needs of hospitals to use NHSN – the follow-up call will take place this week. This will help provide an incentive to EHR vendors to support what hospitals need to report HAIs on an aggressive timeline.
- ii. Template for data use agreement finalized – states without a mandate can enter into a data use agreement with CDC to use those data for prevention & surveillance purposes, not for publication. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/docs/DUA-template.doc> for more information.
- iii. HAI Standards Committee – members are being determined now based on passed position statement 11-SI-03; committee will represent a range of perspectives. Visit <http://www.cste.org/dnn/AnnualConference/PositionStatements/2011PositionStatements/tabid/523/Default.aspx> to read the passed position statement.

c. HIV (Angelique Griffin)

- i. HIV surveillance capacity assessment to update the capacity data collected in a previous 2007 assessment – distributed in mid-September to HIV surveillance coordinators with a CC to State Epidemiologists and AIDS Directors. Summaries of data collected will be available soon after more analysis is conducted. Response has been robust – thank you to all who participated in the assessment.
- ii. A consultant is working on adapting a Florida surveillance training manual to a broader audience to train new HIV surveillance coordinators and staff.

d. Immunizations (Adult immunizations – Kathy Harriman, Child immunizations – Paul Cieslak)

- i. The subcommittee has been discussing PCV-13 & clinicians' issues with ACIP recommendations to recall for PCV-13 – an upcoming MMWR on this issue will be released soon.
- ii. New measles workgroup was created to discuss issues surrounding recent measles outbreaks, case investigation, etc. – to create standardized

recommendations about investigating cases. The next call for the measles workgroup will be in the next few weeks, exact date to be determined.

e. Influenza

- i. Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project (IISP) - Awards were given to 12 sites (11 continuing, 1 new site) on June 1, 2011. Data collection for the 2011-2012 influenza season has just begun and CDC and CSTE staff are currently making site visits to address surveillance goals and objectives for the project.
- ii. Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Project (IHSP) - Four sites were awarded funds to continue data collection on influenza related hospitalizations and data collection has begun. CDC staff have concluded all data cleaning and closed out the 2010-2011 influenza season data.

f. NASPHV

- i. USAHA – Carina Blackmore represented CSTE & NASPHV at the US Animal Health Association Annual Meeting.
- ii. Animal rabies compendium – This compendium meeting will take place in Winter 2012.
- iii. A multidisciplinary Q-fever workgroup will be formed this fall and a meeting will take place in Winter 2012.

2. Annual Conference planning – www.csteconference.org

- a. Call for topics is open until October 7.
- b. Call for abstracts will open November 1.
- c. Ideas for plenary sessions? Contact Al (alfred.demaria@state.ma.us) or Laurene (lmascola@ph.lacounty.gov).
- d. If you're interested in participating in the ID planning committee, please contact Lauren at LRosenberg@cste.org. We could use a couple more who can review general ID abstracts.

3. Membership in CSTE

- a. Some CSTE subcommittees are made up of a lot of non-members. CSTE membership has many benefits, and Al would like to encourage those who are not members to become members. CSTE dues help support CSTE and the work of the subcommittees.
- b. Al will be attending upcoming ID subcommittee calls to briefly discuss CSTE membership.
- c. Visit the "Join CSTE" tab on www.cste.org for more membership information.

4. Topic of conversation: Non-culture based diagnostic testing methods

- a. Hospital and clinical labs are doing testing that makes sense from a business sense but present problems to health departments & CDC in terms of acceptability for case definitions.
- b. This workgroup is starting with enterics, but this is certainly a wider issue that affects other pathogens. The workgroup can discuss how to adapt to the new realities of laboratory testing to come up with general principles about how this adaptation might take place.
- c. Discussion – Tina (AL): What are your suggestions for those doing surveillance and having to deal with these new kinds of tests? Al: That is a critical issue that comes up. Maybe at the 2012 Annual Conference we will have a breakout session or a position statement to have this conversation more broadly. All states seem to be treating these cases differently and there is no standard.
- d. Next call will be Tuesday, October 25, 3 – 4 pm ET – Email Lauren at LRosenberg@cste.org for call-in information.

5. Guidelines for Reducing Transmission of HIV, Hepatitis B Virus, and Hepatitis C Virus through Solid Organ Transplantation

- a. These new guidelines are to update previous guidelines that were quite old. There are 2 groups of reviewers & stakeholders involved in updating the guidelines. The process went well until nearing a final draft, when some felt it did not represent their perspective but rather a consensus point of view. A number of reviewers asked for their names to be removed from the version open for public comment.
- b. The full draft guidelines can be found at regulations.gov: "Draft 2011 Public Health Service (PHS) Guideline for Reducing Transmission of HIV, HBV, and HCV through Solid Organ Transplantation." Comment accepted until November 21st.
- c. If you have concerns or would like to review the document, viewpoints from public health agencies would be much appreciated.

6. CDC budget issue

- a. A number of those involved with CSTE are also involved with various non-health department CDC-funded programs ("Centers of Excellence", etc.). As CDC struggles with its budget, AI would like to see if partner centers, contracts have been notified of cuts in this new fiscal year.

7. Upcoming calendar dates: Please contact Lauren at 770.458.3811 or L.Rosenberg@cste.org for call-in information for these calls.

October 7 – 2012 Annual Conference Call for Topics deadline (www.csteconference.org)

October 18, 3 pm ET – HAI Subcommittee call

October 19, 2 pm ET – HIV Subcommittee call

October 25, 3 pm ET – Joint Infectious Disease-Surveillance/Informatics non-culture testing methods call

November 1 – 2012 Annual Conference Call for Abstracts opens (www.csteconference.org)

November 9, 2 pm ET – HIV Subcommittee call

November 14, 4 pm ET – Immunization Subcommittee quarterly call

November 15, 3 pm ET – HAI Subcommittee call