

Meeting Summary

CSTE Executive Board Meeting

January 25-27, 2012

AGENDA

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action Needed
Wednesday, January 25th	Welcome, Review of Agenda
Minutes	The January 4, 2012 Executive Board conference call minutes were approved.
Committee Reports	Cross Cutting I Steering Committee Update Substance Abuse/Workforce/Local Epidemiology Steering Committee Chair: Katrina Hedberg CSTE lead staff: Amanda Masters, Annie Tran Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Alcohol and Other Drugs Indicators (AOD), Overdose (OD), and Substance Abuse Epidemiology Capacity) – Jim Roeber, Steve Wirtz and Tom Largo, Denise Paone, Corrine Miller and Michael Landen • The Alcohol Subcommittee continues to work on producing state level estimates of alcohol-related mortality by selected demographic characteristics, for potential submission in the MMWR. Subcommittee members are preparing their state data for input into the CDC Alcohol-Related Disease Impact (ARDI) site to generate these estimates. The group will work on obtaining BRFSS estimates for comparison next. • The AOD Indicator Group continues to hold monthly conference calls to develop the definitions for the hospitalization indicators. The set of ICD9CM codes to identify alcohol-attributable hospitalizations has been finalized but the group is struggling to define “drug-attributable” and will need to determine how E-codes should be used to identify AOD cases following that. • The Overdose subcommittee has begun meeting on a regular basis and is in the process of planning a webinar on heroin miscoding for Feb 16 to share their experiences with other members. The subcommittee also has plans to work with the Safe States ISW7 report on poisonings when it is finalized. • The Substance Abuse Epi Capacity Assessment subcommittee had been working on a Substance Abuse Epi Capacity to capture characteristics of the current substance abuse workforce. A draft of the assessment had been shared with NASADAD/SAMHSA but because their focus is not epidemiology, we may pair with another group who may already be conducting similar

research.

- The subcommittee will not have a preconference workshop this year, but will begin developing a preconference workshop for 2012 on methods to increase substance abuse epidemiology capacity in states without a designated substance abuse epidemiologist (ways an infectious disease epi/chronic disease epi, etc. can incorporate substance abuse epi into their existing role).

Workforce – Bob Harrison

- There are currently 51 Class VIII and IX CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellows placed in 27 states and 7 large cities/counties.
- The Class X Applied Epidemiology Fellowship application is open until February 1, 2012. There are nearly 500 applications started. There were 69 accepted Class X host site billets.
- The Applied Public Health Informatics Fellowship (APHIF) application process is open until February 1, 2012, accepting applications on a rolling basis. There are 57 applications, and one Fellow has been successfully matched with Utah.
- An online database of training opportunities for the existing epidemiology workforce was sent to State Epidemiologists as a pilot. CSTE is collecting feedback and after any necessary changes will launch the live catalogue in January 2012.
- The 4th annual CDC Orientation for New State Epidemiologists is scheduled February 27-29, 2012 with 6 confirmed participants.
- CSTE is offering opportunities for existing applied epidemiologists to complete UIC's online Public Health Informatics Certificate program. Applications are due March 15 for participants to begin the program during Summer 2012.
- CSTE has submitted a successful proposal to the de Beaumont Foundation for \$1 million over 2 years to provide informatics training to the applied epidemiology workforce. CSTE will begin planning in January 2012.
- CSTE is collaborating with CDC to offer 2 Epidemiology Training workshops at the 2012 CSTE Conference: Public Health Law and Community Health Assessment.
- 2010 Epidemiology Enumeration Assessment – MMWR article has been submitted for publication. Separate CSTE 4-page summary is being printed. Distribution will occur after the MMWR has been printed.

Local Epidemiology – Brian Labus

- Katrina Hedberg participated in a call with the new NACCHO workgroup supporting epidemiologists at the local level. Ideas discussed include a session for local epidemiologists at the conference in Omaha. Brian Labus will join Katrina on the next NACCHO local epidemiology workgroup call to discuss the purposes of the NACCHO workgroup, the CSTE local epidemiology subcommittee, and how these groups can best serve a local epidemiologist.

Cross Cutting II Steering Committee Update

BT Preparedness/Border & International Health/Health Disparities/Public Health

Law/Tribal Epidemiology

Steering Committee Chair: Joseph McLaughlin

CSTE Lead Staff: Erin Simms, Annie Tran

Bioterrorism / Public Health Emergency Preparedness – Patricia Quinlisk

- CSTE received a request from CDC's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response to send a representative to a one-day media workshop to effectively communicate the key messages. Patty Quinlisk from IA volunteered, but was ultimately unable to attend (administrative delays)

Border International Health – Ken Komatsu

- At the North America Day (NAD) talks in Mexico City, Canada, Mexico and the United States signed a trilateral MOU that formalizes the collective intent to carry out cooperative activities in the area of information sharing, interoperability and exchange
 - The delegations agreed to conduct pilot projects in the areas of public health and public safety and agreed to stand up two multinational working groups to define and execute the pilot projects, and an Executive Committee (EC) to oversee the pilot projects and provide guidance to the working groups
- Jim Collins (MI) is the CSTE representative for the CDC effort to create a learning network to conduct a pilot project that uses the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) to build a framework for sharing public health information. Discussions have centered around sharing information related to pandemic influenza
 - The Working Group will report the results to the EC at the next NAD meeting (mid-2012)
- The next BIH meeting will occur after the revised US/Mexico communications pathway protocol draft comes out
- The US-Mexico Binational Workgroup communications protocol has now reached the stage of pilot testing. They have 2-3 states that border Mexico piloting it, but are looking to add one non-border state.
 - At least 2 pilots will be implemented. Results from the pilots will be shared with CSTE, CDC and the General Directorate of Epidemiology (DGE), Mexico.

Public Health Law – John Middaugh, Glen Patrick

- John Middaugh and members from the CSTE Public Health Law Subcommittee submitted comments to the Federal Register on proposed changes to the Common Rule on Oct 25
 - The changes proposed to the Common Rule are the most extensive since the Department of Health, Education and Welfare published proposed rules for the protection of human subjects involved in research in 1979

Health Disparities – Duc Vugia

- They are moving forward with their geocoding project and revising the

consultant's recommendations on how to initiate geocoding in a state health agency to be more applicable for states (the consultant is an academician, not a state person)

- A literature review of researchers that have used GIS to examine health disparities was created to inform the intended pilot project
- The next subcommittee call is on Jan 26

Tribal Epidemiology – Michael Landen

- The Western Region Tribal Epi meeting to improve AI/AN health data sharing for public health will be held in Phoenix AZ on Feb 23, 2012. The agenda is available on the online registration site
 - The agenda and speaker confirmations is being finalized, announcements/invitations were sent to the tribal subcommittee, tribal leaders, and tribal epidemiology center contacts in December.
- The Hodge Report, entitled *“Legal Issues Concerning Identifiable Health Data Sharing between State/Local Public Health Authorities and Tribal Epidemiology Centers in Selected U.S. Jurisdictions”* has been finalized and is ready for distribution to participating states, subcommittee members, and posted on our CSTE website in January
- The subcommittee had a call on Dec 14 to review the CDC recommendations to improve HIV surveillance in Indian Country
- A tribal data record linkage toolkit is available on the CSTE website -- these tools are also posted on the Portland TEC and UIHI TEC websites
- Influenza case-control study data collection is done for all states except AZ. Data analysis is beginning and an abstract has been submitted for the conference

Chronic/MCH/Oral Health Steering Committee Update

Chair: Sara Huston

CSTE Staff Lead: Annie Tran

Chronic Disease Epi Capacity Building – Renee Calanan (CO)

- The Chronic Disease Epidemiology Capacity Building Subcommittee will initiate development of an orientation manual for state lead chronic disease epidemiologists (modeled after the State Epidemiologist Orientation Guide). This is intended to introduce Tier 3 (or possibly Tier 2) chronic disease epidemiologists to the issues they would need to be aware of as the lead chronic disease epidemiologist in a state health department. This project is still in the development phase.

Chronic Disease Surveillance and Informatics Subcommittee/NACDD Liaison – Khosrow Heidari (SC)

- The steering committee began participating in the CDC/CSTE surveillance/Informatics bimonthly calls earlier this month in an effort to capture surveillance activities across all the subcommittees instead of just within the S/I subcommittee. Khosrow Heidari will continue to participate in these calls to share surveillance activities in the area of chronic disease.

- NACDD Liaison: Epidemiology Mentorship Program Subcommittee: mentor and mentee abstracts were submitted for one breakout session and one round table at the CSTE 2012 conference.

Cancer Subcommittee/BRFSS Liaison – Youjie Huang (FL)

- BRFSS Liaison: Participated in a consultation in Bangladesh for the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research in Dhaka to pilot and develop a survey using BRFSS methods in December.

Maternal and Child Health Subcommittee – Patricia McKane (MI)

- The MCH Subcommittee continues to have bi-monthly call through the MCH EPI group.
 - The Methods and Practice Workgroup has been working on an assessment to find out how MCH epidemiologists address methodological and other issues that arise in their work and what resources they use to find information on MCH Epidemiology practices. The results will be used to provide guidance, develop trainings, identify and share resources and facilitate partnerships with other organizations. The assessment will be shared with the CSTE, AMCHP and CityMatCH's distributions lists to reach a breadth of MCH professionals. The assessment is projected to be released in Winter/Spring 2012.
 - The Workforce Development Workgroup has developed a job description for a senior level MCH epidemiologist as an example of the types of activities/capabilities of an expected senior level MCH epidemiologist.
- CSTE staff attended the MCH Epi Conference in New Orleans

ASTHO Prevention Policy Committee (liaison) – Chris Maylahn (NY)

- In accordance with CSTE's presidential challenge to increase epidemiology capacity, it was suggested that ASTHO consider building chronic disease epidemiology capacity as a priority in the upcoming year. A workgroup was proposed to begin discussing ways to achieve this.

National Salt Reduction Initiative (liaison) – Juliet VanEenwyck (WA)

- National Salt Reduction Initiative will analyze the changes in sodium content in packaged and restaurant food overall, by category, and by company using national data in order to assess progress toward meeting the NSRI's 2012 sodium targets this year.
- The comment period on the federal docket looking for research on approaches to lower salt consumption was extended to Friday, January 27, 2012. CSTE did not comment, but several individual state/local health departments did.

National Oral Health Surveillance System indicator revision

- CSTE, CDC, and ASTDD have been involved in reviewing proposed changes to the NOHSS indicators. A position statement has been proposed to address these revisions. Rosemary Duffy (OH) is the CSTE point person on this.

Chronic Disease Indicators revision

- The work group is in the process to review and update the chronic disease indicators through NACDD cooperative agreement with input from CDC, NACDD, and CSTE membership. This is currently on hold as CDC works out some administrative issues. Jim Holt at CDC is the new lead for the Chronic Disease Indicators (replacing Paul Siegel who has moved to a new position within CDC).

CSTE Conference Planning

- Planning for the 2012 conference has begun. There were 63 abstracts submitted to our committee this year. Held the abstract review kick-off call for our committee Jan 20, and have two other calls set up for session planning.

State-based Cardiovascular Disease Surveillance Data Linkage Pilot Project

- Wisconsin will continue their project through May 31, 2012 to revise and refine linkage methodologies and to extend the years of study to include more data. The final reports for linkage methodologies for Nebraska and Massachusetts are online.

Environmental/Occupational/Injury Committee Update

Steering Committee Chair: Martha Stanbury

CSTE lead staff: Erin Simms and Annie Tran

Injury Surveillance and Control Subcommittee chair: Holly Hedegaard (CO)

- Members of the Injury Subcommittee continue to participate in the Injury Surveillance Workgroup (ISW) on poisoning surveillance led by the Safe States Alliance. Several CSTE members have been asked to be external reviewers and have provided comments on the latest draft of the report.
- Plans are being discussed to host a preconference workshop at this year's conference on the transition to ICD-10CM coding. The training will be provided by Donna Picket (NCHS) and will likely be a half-day workshop.

Occupational Subcommittee: Tish Davis (MA) and Ken Rosenman (MI) Co-Chairs

- Supporting NIOSH in providing leadership over collection and QA of occupational health indicators (OHIs). Most recently, 2008 data has been posted on the CSTE website.
- Subcommittee formed a leadership group, which convenes every other month to oversee activities of the CSTE cooperative agreement.
- The indicator workgroup completed operating guidelines, new indicator proposal guidelines and template, and established a formal timeline for updating the OHI How-To Guide and posting data on the CSTE website.
- CSTE staff continues to facilitate publication of state surveillance articles in monthly e-newsletter from NIOSH.
- The Southern States Occupational Network (SouthON) convened an inaugural meeting last month in Orlando, FL. CSTE subsequently applied for a new CDC/NIOSH conference grant for sustainability of this meeting.

- OH Leadership group is collaborating with OSHA on ways to incorporate state surveillance data into the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) fall prevention campaign as well as an anticipated assessment of epidemiologists on availability and use of workers' compensation data.
- The OH Subcommittee published a guidance document on *Public Health Referrals to OSHA*.
- The 4th Western States Occupational Network (WestON) meeting was held on September 22-23, 2011, in Denver. Presentations addressed a wide variety of western OSH issues and workshops offered guidance on getting students and fellows matched up with OSH surveillance projects. Attendees were able to network with representatives from NIOSH Divisions, NIOSH Education and Research Centers, Agricultural Centers and OSHA.
- A joint OH Subcommittee and NIOSH surveillance grantee meeting convened in Orlando, FL on Dec 7-8th. **A workgroup agreed to work on a multi-state occupational health disparities report during the meeting.**
- A "Success Stories" in state-based occupational health surveillance document has been drafted and should be finalized soon.
- Workgroups are planning 2012 conference agenda and drafting a position statement on electronic health records.
- CSTE members completed 2 consultations related to supporting a state in OH surveillance capacity building and gave a presentation on state OH surveillance at a meeting of OSHA regional administrators

Environmental Subcommittee: Henry Anderson (WI) and Martha Stanbury (MI) Co-Chairs

- The National Conversation on Public Health and Chemical Exposures action agenda on Addressing Public Health and Chemical Exposures was published in June 2011, and the Subcommittee is promoting implementation.
- CSTE members completed 2 consultations to a meeting of the National Alliance for Radiation Readiness of which we are a steering committee member and an after action meeting on the public health response to the Fukushima nuclear power plant meltdown in Japan in November 2011.
- Workgroups are planning the 2012 annual conference agenda and drafting position statements on asthma surveillance capacity, National Conversation recommendations, and carbon monoxide surveillance
- The Disaster Epidemiology (DE) Subcommittee is planning a 3rd annual disaster epidemiology workshop in Atlanta, GA in May 2012 as well as an inaugural disaster epidemiology regional training in CA in April 2012.
- CDC proposed a survey of states' practices in disaster mental health surveillance. Contract is pending.
- The DE Subcommittee is assessing state health department practices in disaster surveillance and epidemiology.
- CSTE has two representatives on the CDC/AAPCC poison control center (PCC) Community of Practice leadership group. An assessment of state health departments and regional poison centers concerning levels of collaboration between PCCs and public health is planned. The AAPCC survey to PCCs has

been distributed.

- The Climate Change subcommittee has finalized climate change indicator documents based on the comments from an inaugural pilot and completed a summary report and glossy brochure. A second pilot is anticipated this fall.
- A summary report of an assessment on best practices in cancer cluster response and an MMWR R&R article (in CDC Clearance) of recommended cancer cluster guidelines will be published soon.

Infectious Disease Steering Committee Update

Steering Committee Chair: Al DeMaria

CSTE lead staff: Lauren Rosenberg, Andrea Giorgi

Food Safety – Kirk Smith, Lauren Rosenberg

- 2 sites have been funded to conduct CIFOR trainings with the *Guidelines* and Toolkit this winter. An RFP is being developed to identify additional sites for a 3rd round of trainings.
- UNC will conduct a series of instructional webinars about the CIFOR *Guidelines* and Toolkit. The webinars will take place in February and will feature subject matter experts as speakers.
- An MMWR article was published in December on the results from the food safety epidemiology capacity assessment. A peer-reviewed publication is planned.
- A workgroup is working to identify a consultant to help evaluate the CIFOR *Guidelines* and Toolkit.
- CIFOR and CSTE are working on a legal project with a consultant. Products include a subset of state laws regarding foodborne disease, a lay language handbook, and recommended legal provisions.

Healthcare Associated Infections – Marion Kainer, Lauren Rosenberg

- The HAI Subcommittee submitted a “User Story” to the Office of the National Coordinator for the Public Health Reporting Initiative, part of ONC’s Standards & Interoperability Framework.
- A letter for states to submit to ONC’s proposed rule regarding Meaningful Use is being developed.
- The HAI Standards Committee has been meeting regularly as the result of position statement 11-SI-03. The committee is developing a position statement template for HAIs.

HIV – Angelique Griffin, Lauren Rosenberg

- Results from the Fall 2011 HIV surveillance capacity assessment will be available later this spring.
- A consultant is working to create surveillance training manual for new surveillance coordinators and staff.

Adult and Child Immunizations – Kathleen Harriman and Paul Cieslak, Lauren Rosenberg

- A measles workgroup continues to discuss recent measles outbreaks and other issues with measles.

Influenza – Chris Hahn, Matt Cartter, Andrea Giorgi

- IISP: Twelve sites are currently collecting ILI data for the third year of the Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project. CDC and CSTE staff are analyzing the past year's data, and an analytic workshop is planned for Spring 2012. The finished analysis from the first year of IISP is pending publication.
- IHSP: Four sites are continuing to collect data for influenza-related hospitalizations. Representatives from these sites will be attending the EIP Steering Committee meeting in early February.
- International Consultations: CSTE members have been involved in international influenza program consultations with the CDC Flu Division, traveling to Ukraine, Afghanistan, South Africa, Russia, and Nepal. In Feb/March, CSTE members will be traveling to Bangladesh, Georgia, Armenia, and Tanzania.
- An interim position statement led by C. Hahn is being developed for the novel influenza case definition.

NASPHV – Kristy Bradley, Lauren Rosenberg

- The animal rabies compendium group met in Dec, and the rabies compendium group will meet in March.
- A multidisciplinary Q-fever workgroup will meet in February to create a consensus document about human and animal health considerations when responding to Q fever events.

Other

- A workgroup is working with CDC to develop training materials to help state and local jurisdictions implement the revised Security & Confidentiality Guidelines for HIV, STD, TB, and hepatitis programs.
- CSTE is co-sponsoring an upcoming CDC meeting about laboratory testing methods and the impact of non-culture techniques on surveillance.
- CDC is moving toward expanded recommendations for screening for HCV infection.
- CDC and APHL have launched a Laboratories Efficiencies Initiative.

Surveillance/Informatics Steering Committee Update

Steering Committee Chair: Janet Hamilton

CSTE staff: Monica Huang, Beth Dunbar

Surveillance Practice and Implementation Subcommittee – Lesliann Helmus

- State Reportable Conditions Assessment (SRCA): SRCA was completed by most states in December; still awaiting final responses from a few states. CDC has started QA on results.
- Plan to work with CDC's NNDSS Team on implementation of the Revised

Residency Guidelines described in the 2011 Position Statement 11-SI-04.

- Ongoing discussion of Meaningful Use-related issues, including the ONC Standards and Interoperability Framework Public Health Reporting Initiative and ISDS's development of guidelines for syndromic surveillance using in patient and ambulatory care data.

Surveillance Policy Subcommittee – Tim Jones

- Provided feedback on proposed HAI position statement template from HAI Standards Committee.
- Selected a list of notifiable conditions for use in a CSTE-PHDSC project piloting the use of CDA templates for public health reporting.
- Discussed BioSense governance and the draft charter for the final BioSense governance group.
- Discussed issues surrounding the use of state data in CDC interactive data query systems.

Electronic Laboratory and Disease Reporting Subcommittee – Kathy Turner

- Joint CSTE-CDC ELR Taskforce workgroups have ended. CDC staff is continuing to finalize documents for posting on CSTE's website.
- New subcommittee was formed to discuss ELR- and NEDSS-related issues.
- ELR Capacity and Metrics Dashboard Workgroup has been working with CDC's ELR Implementation and Support Team to provide input on CDC's metrics for ELR progress among ELC grantees. The workgroup is also developing and refining metrics that would be useful for CSTE to collect and display in a queryable dashboard format.
- NEDSS workgroup was formed in January to begin discussing a new NEDSS assessment for 2012, revising the 2010 NEDSS assessment questionnaire.

Surveillance Indicators Subcommittee – Richard Hopkins

- Identified participants from various program areas for a cross-cutting surveillance indicators group. Also requested a CDC participant to participate.
- Goal will be to collect information on existing indicator development processes in different program areas and present this information in one central location on the CSTE website.

Bi-monthly Surveillance Coordination Calls with CDC

- CDC updated on PHSP0 and PHITPO merger into the Public Health Surveillance and Informatics Program Office, reverse site visit, BioSense, and Biosurveillance Coordination Activities.
- Seth Foldy will be taking on a more active role in the leadership group of the ONC Standards and Interoperability Public Health Reporting Initiative.

BioSense

- Member outreach continues with generally positive discussions and interest during initial in-depth calls with 48 states, D.C., one territory, and one large city. *(See the reverse side for details)*

	- o Working with CDC to update CSTE contact information for territories - o Working with states to recruit 4 remaining large cities • Interim Governance Group aims to solidify BioSense Governance Charter, which outlines the structure, role, and procedures of the permanent Governance Group, by February. The permanent Governance Group hopes to launch in March 2012. Bio Sense Recruitment Summary Share with Overall Status of States Recruitment (including D.C.) • Formally Considering Bio Sense* 27 • Internally Discussing Bio Sense 20 • Require initial, in-depth conversation 2 • Declined Participation 2 Data 27 States (including D.C.) Plan to BioSense 2.0 • Data from State System 17 • Transition BS 1.0 Feeds 5 • Use BioSense to develop 5 Syndromic: - From Scratch 3 - By Working w/Local HDs w/ systems 2 *ASTHO distributed Data Use Agreement to 24 of these 27 jurisdictions and plans to complete distribution by January 27.
Invited Speakers	• Christopher J. Portier, Ph.D: Director, National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry • Ali S. Khan, MD, MPH, ASG/RADM(Ret.), USPHS: Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response • Stephen B. Thacker, MD, MSc, ASG/RADM (Ret.), USPHS: Deputy Director for Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services
CSTE/CDC Reception	Miller-Ward Award Alumni House at Emory University
Thursday, January 26th	
CSTE National Office	Budget • After much discussion, the Executive Board approved CSTE Budget for Year Ending 9/30/2012. Below are the Corporative Agreement Funding Activities. Organization of Year 4 Activities by Focus Area- Total Budget: \$16,683,405 MCH/Chronic Diseases \$391,659 • MCH /CD Fellowship Activities

- Capacity Building
- Consultations
- CVD Data Linkages Continuation

Core \$2,133,619

- Nationally Notifiable Diseases
- State Reportable Conditions Assessment (SRCA)
- Workforce Development
- Tribal Epidemiology Activities
- Disparities
- Consultations
- National Assessments
- Communications and Dissemination

Environmental Health \$407,807

- Capacity Building
- Indicator Development
- EH Fellowship Activities
- Consultations
- Disaster Epidemiology

Epidemiology \$7,475,218

- Workforce Development
- Fellowship Activities
- Influenza Activities (5.82M)
- Global Health Activities
- Annual Meeting
- Surveillance/Informatics
- Consultations

Food Safety \$895,361

- CIFOR Projects
- Workforce Development
- Food Safety Capacity Assessment
- Consultations

HIV/AIDS Surveillance \$359,864

- Capacity Building
- Peer Exchanges
- Capacity Assessments
- Consultations
- Training Activities

Infectious Diseases \$1,383,171

- Capacity Building
- Fellowship Activities(ID and HAI)

- Consultations
- NASPHV Activities

Consultant Report

- The 2010-2011 Consultant Report was handed out by Lakesha Robinson for Executive Board review with no action required.

CSTE Assessment Queue – January 2012

- International Health Regulations Assessment, January 2012
 - State Epidemiologists to refer to appropriate contacts
 - CSTE has previously queried states about their ability to implement the requirements of the revised International Health Regulations (IHRs) that took effect in 2007. The current assessment is a follow-up to assess the actual experience of the states with the IHRs now that they have been in place for several years.

Upcoming and Under Consideration

- Disaster epidemiology baseline data assessment description, early 2012
 - To be completed by State Epidemiologists and Environmental Health Point of Contacts
 - Purpose: to obtain information from states about (1) specific experiences with epidemiologic surveillance following actual disasters in the past and (2) current plans for disaster epidemiologic surveillance (which may or may not have actually been used in a real disaster).
 - Results by May 2012
- Poison Control Center (PCC) Collaboration, early 2012
 - To be completed by all the PCCs (administered by the American Association of Poison Control Centers) and state and large city health departments (administered by CSTE)
 - The objective is to assess the current levels of collaboration between PCCs and health departments and identify opportunities to promote collaboration
- MCH Methods and Practice Workgroup Assessment, early 2012
 - Purpose: To determine how MCH epidemiologists address methodological and other issues that arise in their work and what resources they use to find information on MCH Epidemiology practices.
 - The results will be used to provide guidance, develop trainings, identify and share resources and facilitate partnerships with other organizations.
 - The assessment will be shared with the CSTE, AMCHP and CityMatCH's distributions lists to reach a breadth of MCH professionals.
- 2013 Epidemiology Capacity Assessment (ECA)
 - State Epidemiologists to refer to appropriate contacts

	<i>Pending</i> • Sentinel Surveillance Assessment, early 2012 ○ To be completed by Environmental Health Point of Contacts ○ To determine the extent of state-based, epidemiologic case based or 'sentinel event' investigation activities related to environmental health • Legal Barriers – Food Safety ○ To be completed by State Epidemiologists, Environmental Health Directors, Public Health Laboratory Directors, and legal points of contact in each state ○ To determine legal barriers that potentially may negatively impact important functions of foodborne disease outbreak investigation and response ○ The results of this assessment will inform the CIFOR law project's handbook for public health practitioners and menu of recommended legal provisions <i>Assessments completed or ongoing since September 2011</i> • HIV Capacity Assessment • Rapid Assessment of BioSense 2.0 Introductory Webinar for CSTE Members • 2011 SRCA, Late 2011
2012 Annual Conference Update	Plenary Session Update Monday, June 4-Opening Session, Future Directions • Thomas Frieden, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ○ Impact pyramid, social determinants , what is the role for public health, What it takes to win winnable battles • Linda R. Murray, American Public Health Association ○ Health Disparities • Bill Foege: Gates Foundation ○ How the Gates Foundation Prioritizes Public Health Tuesday, June 5-Chronic Issues/Disparities • Stephen Bezruchka, University of Washington ○ Income inequality/life span • Robert Recker, Creighton University ○ Osteoporosis • Robert Anda, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ○ The Adverse Childhood Experiences Wednesday, June 6- Emerging Infectious Disease Partners • Jonna Mazet, University of California ○ One Health • David N. Fishman, Dalla Lana School of Public Health ○ Climate change and disease transmission • John S. Brownstein, Harvard Medical School ○ Social media, search engines for surveillance

	Proposed Plenary Session Titles - Monday: Run don't Walk: Future Directions of Public Health - Tuesday: Can we Afford to Stand Still, Sitting is the New smoking - Wednesday: Where do We Stand in the Every changing World Animals Abstracts - Total submitted for 2012: 479 Registration - Registration will open and be announced to membership February 1. Jonathan Mann Lecture/ Pubmhandle Award - Names were put forwarded for the Jonathan Mann and Pumhandle award recipients.
Invited Speakers	- Rima F. Khabbaz, MD: Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases - Kevin Fenton, MD, PhD: Director, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention - Anne Schuchat, MD, ASG/RADM, USPHS (via Telephone): Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NICRD) - Stephanie Zaza, MD, MPH, FACPM: Director, Epidemiology and Analysis Program Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services - Linda C. Degutis, DrPH, MSN: Director of the National Center for Injury
Working Dinner	Maggiano's
Friday, January 27th	
Invited Speaker	Ursula E. Bauer, PhD, MPH: Director, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Travel to CDC	Thomas R. Frieden, MD, MPH (Invited): Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
Notes Captured / Action Items	Committee Reports Notes Captured - Cross Cutting I: Steering Committee Chair: Katrina Hedberg - Workforce: Consider expanding the 2013 CDC Orientation for New State Epidemiologists Workshop opportunity to other participants such as Deputy Epidemiologists, Chief Medical Officers etc. - UIC's online Public Health Informatics Certificate program: Development of an assessment tool to evaluate the certificate program. - Cross Cutting II: Steering Committee Chair : Joseph McLaughlin - Bioterrorism/ Public Health Emergency Preparedness : CDC's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response has requested a CSTE Representative to a one –day media workshop : - Sarah Park (MD) - Border International: Solicitation of names for new leadership for the Border International Health Subcommittee Chair. - Bela Matyas (CA) - Stephen Sears (ME) (may have recommendations) - Michele Ginsberg (CA) San Diego Health Department (Not a CSTE)

	Member) ▪ Miguel Escobar (Fellow Mentor) ▪ Check with Michael Landen for recommendations - o Tribal Epidemiology: There is funding for one person per western state to attend The Western Region Tribal Epi Meeting in Phoenix AZ on Feb 23, 2012. • Environmental/Occupational/ Injury: Steering Committee Chair: Martha Stanbury - o Injury: A discussion is needed on the possible realignment within the CSTE Executive Board and Steering Committee Chair Structure after Martha transition off the Executive Board. - o Executive Board Officers to discuss with Martha the slate of candidates for her board position. - o Environmental Subcommittee: Keep on Radar: National Alliance for Radiation Readiness (Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant Meltdown). • Surveillance/Informatics: Steering Committee Chair: Janet Hamilton - o Follow up with the Agency for Response (CDC) on Position Statement 11-SI-01 CSTE Endorsement of the CDC-ATSDR Data Release Guidelines & Procedures for Re-release of State –Provided Data • Infectious Disease Steering Committee : Steering Committee Chair: Al Demaria - o Executive Board approved the Position Statement Template with technical edit for Placing Healthcare-Associated Disease or Conditions under the National Surveillance through the National Healthcare Safety Network. ▪ Remove Stephen Ostroff from the Presidential Review. Annual Conference Notes Captured • Proposed Poster Pilot - o An expert member would highlight the top five posters. • Plenary Session Titles are needed no later than March 30th and can be forwarded to Laurene or Beverly. • Discussed proposed names for the Jonathan Mann Lecture and the Pumphandle awards recipients. National Office Update Notes Captured • CSTE will be expanding their compensation audit to include a possible review of the Executive Board governance. • Pat and LaKesha have overhauled the Orientation Portfolio for New Executive Board Members to include : - o Mentorship with previous Executive Board Members. - o Extended orientation period Invited Guest Notes Captured • CSTE has requested an Organization Chart from the office of Christopher Portier, CDC Director, National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. • CSTE Role to Support the office of Jim Buehler, CDC, Director, Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. - o Support the union of Informatics and Epidemiology at CDC. - o Encourage CSTE Membership to participate in the CDC Meaningful Use
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	Conference calls every 3rd Thursday of the month. • CSTE suggested to the office of Stephen B. Thacker, Deputy Director for Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services the following: ○ Develop an evaluation assessment tool for the Public Health Schools that have implemented the CSTE Competencies into their program. ○ CSTE could possibly be a home for the Urban Epi Scholar program. • Pat has request an Electronic copy of the CDC Framework for Preventing Infectious Disease from the office of Beth Bell, Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Disease. Engagement of Local Epidemiologist within CSTE Notes Captured • Use the 2010 Epidemiology Enumeration Assessment as possible joint activity with the local epidemiologists. • Katrina has been invited to participate on the CSTE CLUE committee conference calls. • Integrate the local epidemiologist into Subcommittee subject matter discussions. • Hire a consultant to evaluate how CSTE may represent the entire membership. • Pat and the CSTE management staff will have discussion on how to approach and engage local epidemiologists within CSTE. ○ Ideas will be forwarded to Executive Board. • Katrina will develop strategies and ideas for inclusion of local epidemiologist into CSTE. Action Items • Post January 4th 2012 EB Conference Call Minutes to CSTE Website. • Hill Visits March 19-21, 2012 ○ Marcia will organize the Hill Visits package and provide a conference call briefing on the materials prior to the visit. • Provide Executive Board with a framework/strategic plan of planned board meetings. • Conduct a conference call briefing prior to board meetings. • Letter to Frieden: Regarding the decrease funding in the area of lead programs in Environmental.
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ATTENDANCE

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Officers		
Tom Safranek	President	Y
Laurene Mascola	President-Elect	Y
Steve Ostroff	Vice-President	Y
Tim Jones	Secretary-Treasurer	Y
Chairs		
Sara Huston	Chronic Disease/Oral Health/MCH	Y
Alfred DeMaria	Infectious Disease Epidemiology	Y
Martha Stanbury	Environmental/Occupational/Injury	Y
Members-at-Large		
Katrina Hedberg	Cross Cutting 1: Local, Workforce, Alcohol, Alcohol and Other Drugs Indicators, Overdose, Substance Abuse Committee Chair	Y
Janet Hamilton	Surveillance Informatics Steering Committee Chair	Y
Joseph McLaughlin	Cross Cutting 2: Tribal, Disparities, P Law, Border and International Health and Bioterrorism/Public Health Preparedness Committee Chair	Y
Pat McConnon	Executive Director	Y
LaKesha Robinson	Deputy Director	Y
Jennifer Lemmings	Epidemiology Program Director	Y
Beverly Christner	Director of Operations	Y