

CSTE UPDATE

COUNCIL OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL EPIDEMIOLOGISTS



A MESSAGE FROM THE CSTE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Notifiable Diseases and Other Position Statements

Since State Epidemiologists convened in 1951 to create the first fully documented list of notifiable diseases, CSTE members have been responsible for defining and recommending diseases and conditions for reporting within states and voluntary notification to CDC. The position statement process to develop and refine surveillance case definitions has become highly evolved over the past 60 years. The most recent changes are moving the process into the electronic health information age and incorporating tables that move our case identification and classification criteria toward a machine-readable format.

Through our position statements, CSTE members are helping change the face of surveillance and bridge the gap between epidemiology and informatics. The position statement process has been fascinating to me since I joined CSTE: watching authors engage their colleagues in other states and CDC, endless drafts, wholesale procrastination followed by last minute heroics, and then the final dance at the Annual Conference – highly choreographed and deliberate to a fault, where arguments are honed, friendly amendments provided, and rewrites completed. This, of course, is followed by letters to organizations and agencies for response or informational purposes, usually resulting in rapid acceptance by the public health community interested in reportable diseases and conditions.

Other types of position statements, those not dealing with notifiable diseases and conditions, have also been successful at influencing policy and focusing the attention of our partners on common goals and objectives. The fields of applied epidemiology and surveillance have benefited greatly from the position statement process and represent important contributions to public health over the years. Workforce, training, and other efforts to further professionalize and give visibility to the field of epidemiology have all been aided by the position statement process.

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A position statement submitted to the membership in 2006 is a good example of an effort by CSTE members to influence public health and improve surveillance. Position statement 06-ID-04 recommended that CDC convene an expert panel to re-examine influenza surveillance in the U.S. The passage of 06-ID-04 resulted in key meetings to develop a road map for influenza surveillance in the subsequent years as well as multistage, multi-state projects that will have an important impact on how influenza surveillance is conducted.

This June at the CSTE Annual Conference, 22 position statements were passed by the CSTE membership. These included 14 new or updated surveillance case definitions for infectious diseases. Several 2011 position statements were passed to establish national case definitions for non-nationally notifiable conditions, including influenza-associated hospitalizations, campylobacteriosis, infections caused by free-living amebae, and melioidosis. These position statements took advantage of the mechanism for placing conditions under surveillance according to national standards without adding them to the Nationally Notifiable Condition (NNC) List, which was described in last year's position statement 10-SI-02, Modification of the Process for Recommending Conditions for National Surveillance.

Another 2010 position statement, 10-SI-01, created a process for adding emerging conditions to the NNC List on a provisional basis through interim position statements passed by the CSTE Executive Board between annual business meetings. This process was used last fall to temporarily add cholera to the list of immediately, urgent, notifiable conditions in response to the outbreak in Haiti. As called for in 10-SI-01, the interim position statement was voted on by the membership at the 2011 business meeting and allowed to lapse, removing cholera as

an immediately notifiable condition. The interim position statement process was also used this past February to pass a policy statement supporting prioritizing the electronic reporting of Healthcare-Associated Infection Data in the "meaningful use" criteria that must be met by hospitals and healthcare providers to receive financial incentives under the federal HITECH Act. This interim statement was considered and passed by the full membership this June as position statement 11-SI-05.

The annual position statement process is a unique and rewarding one, a productive use of time and energy for CSTE members. CSTE National Office Staff, member states and individual members should consider this highly effective process to address the many challenges facing public health epidemiology and epidemiologists.

Position statements are taken seriously by CDC and other agencies and organizations, and seeing their proven impact is gratifying. While the process is still couched in its original ways, we need to think about retaining its usefulness while bringing it into a modern and more efficient time. Later this year, CSTE will unveil a new position statement archive that will make past position statements easier to find and reference. This webpage, along with other potential improvements in the process, can help modernize position statements.

We should also probably be thinking about modernization of the process itself to see if there are alternative approaches that support the positive outcomes while expanding the scope and reach of CSTE's efforts to improve the practice of epidemiology.

I look forward to working with you to bring this historic process into the future.

2011 CSTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Dr. Thomas Frieden, Director of CDC, gives the opening plenary at the 2011 CSTE Annual Conference.



CSTE Annual Conference attendees attend a plenary session.



President Tom Safranek honors outgoing president Steve Ostroff.



*Andy Anderson receives
2011 Pumphandle award
from Stephen Ostroff.*

2011 PUMPHANDLE AWARD WINNER HENRY (ANDY) ANDERSON, M.D.

The Pumphandle Award of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists is awarded annually for outstanding achievement in the field of applied epidemiology.

After decades in public health and epidemiology, the 2011 recipient of the Pumphandle Award, Dr. Henry “Andy” Anderson, called the award “a lifetime achievement.”

“It really is an important award, being recognized by peers in public health,” said Dr. Anderson. “I’m really honored to be amongst the previous recipients and the work they have done.”

During his public health and epidemiology “lifetime,” Dr. Anderson has focused on environmental and occupational health, particularly research and surveillance. “I’ve tried to encourage other states and agencies to build capacity in environmental and occupational health. It is so wide ranging, and goes across chronic and infectious diseases issues as well,” he said. “For example, now with the impacts of weather – flooding, tornadoes, heat waves, etc. – we have to be prepared to address everything from injury to infections to water contamination and more.”

In addition to increasing capacity, Dr. Anderson works to maintain and improve relationships with outside agencies. As the responsibilities covered by agencies like OSHA and NIOSH have moved out of the state public health

departments and to the federal level, those relationships have become increasingly important. “It’s critical for us to reach out to these agencies. We often end up being the state lead on issues during a crisis situation, so we have to liaise with them before that crisis occurs,” he said.

Dr. Anderson cites CSTE as making this and other efforts in public health easier. “CSTE’s willingness to support the membership and be in a leadership position has been a hallmark of the organization,” he said. “It has grown in stature and recognition over the years, and its work with states and local health departments has made it a true leader in public health.”

Dr. Anderson currently serves as the Wisconsin State Environmental and Occupational Disease Epidemiologist, and as the State Health Officer. He also holds adjunct professorships at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Population Health Sciences and the University of Wisconsin Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, Center for Human Studies.

CSTE congratulates Dr. Henry Anderson on his recognition as the 2011 Pumphandle Award winner.



David W. Fleming receives 2011 Jonathan Mann Lecturer award from Tom Safranek.

2011 JONATHAN MANN LECTURER DAVID W. FLEMING, M.D.

The Jonathan M. Mann Memorial Lectureship is made possible annually by the CDC Foundation with proceeds from a generous grant provided by The Hoffman Family Foundation of Dallas, Texas. In 1999, the lectureship was established to honor Dr. Jonathan Mann, who lost his life in the Swissair plane crash off Nova Scotia in 1998. Dr. Mann was an accomplished State Epidemiologist who was called the "architect of the global mobilization against AIDS" for his role as the founding director of the World Health Organization's Global Program on AIDS.

Each year at the CSTE President's Banquet a public health presentation is given to honor Dr. Mann. Lecturers are selected by the CSTE Executive Board for their demonstrated leadership in the public health community.

David W. Fleming, M.D., is Director and Health Officer for Public Health - Seattle & King County, a large metropolitan health department with 1,900 employees, 39 sites and a budget of \$296 million, serving a resident population of 1.8 million people. Programs and services range from core prevention activities to environmental health, community-oriented primary care, emergency medical services, correctional health services, Public Health preparedness, and community-based public health assessment and practices.

Prior to assuming this role, Dr. Fleming directed the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Health Strategies Program. In this capacity, Dr. Fleming oversaw the Foundation's portfolios in vaccine-preventable diseases, nutrition, newborn and child health, leadership,

emergency relief, and cross-cutting strategies to improve access to health tools in developing countries.

Dr. Fleming has also served as the Deputy Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and as the State Epidemiologist of Oregon. He has published on a wide range of public health issues, and has served on a number of boards and commissions and committees.

Dr. Fleming received his medical degree from the State University of New York Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. He is board certified in internal medicine and preventive medicine and serves on the faculty of the departments of public health at both the University of Washington and Oregon Health Sciences University.



Maria Ness accepts the RWJF Award from Steve Ostroff

The 4th Annual
ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON
FOUNDATION (RWJF)
NATIONAL AWARD

for Outstanding Epidemiology Practice in Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities was presented to Maria Ness, a CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellow at the Oregon Office of Family Health, Maternal and Child Section, at the 2011 CSTE Annual Conference.

CSTE AWARD IN ADDRESSING RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES

CSTE presented Ness with a plaque to commemorate the occasion and an honorarium valued at \$1,000. “I feel extremely honored to be the recipient of this award, as the caliber of work completed by the other nominees was outstanding,” said Ness.

“I would also like to acknowledge the other members of my team, who truly deserve recognition: Danielle Barradas, Ph.D., a Lieutenant in the U.S. Public Health Service who serves with the CDC MCH Epidemiology Program; Jennifer Irving, M.P.H., the CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellow at the Northern Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center; and Susan Manning, M.D., M.P.H., who worked as an CDC MCH Epidemiology Program Assignee for the state of Massachusetts.”

The RWJF award was established to recognize a presenter at the CSTE Annual Conference whose professional work advances public health knowledge through epidemiology and applied research in racial and ethnic disparities and improves public health practice through effective use of data and epidemiology.

More than 600 abstracts were submitted for participation in the conference, and 25 were considered for the award according to eligibility requirements. CSTE Member-at-Large Duc Vugia convened a panel of judges to select five

finalists and the award winner from abstracts submitted to the conference planning committee. Judges reviewed presentations based on:

- Impact of work to the field of eliminating health disparities
- Contribution/Translation to Practice
- Policy Implications for evoking long term change in eliminating and preventing health disparities
- Quality of poster or breakout session presentation

Ness’s breakout presentation was entitled, “Comparison of the predictors of overweight and obesity between American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) children and non-Hispanic white children.” Childhood overweight/obesity disproportionately affects AI/AN children, and interventions targeting overweight/obesity have been less effective among these children than among children of other race/ethnicities.

“I feel that our work has highlighted the dire importance of the treatment and prevention of obesity among AI/AN children, and some of the crucial obstacles that need to be overcome before interventions can be effective,” said Ness. “Receiving this award has reaffirmed my conviction that the use of applied epidemiology is a crucial tool in the struggle toward ameliorating racial and ethnic health disparities.”



CSTE congratulates Mike McGeehin on his recognition as the recipient of the 2011 Distinguished Partner Award.

CSTE DISTINGUISHED PARTNER AWARD

The first annual CSTE Distinguished Partner Award was presented at the 2011 Annual Conference. The award recognizes an individual or organization that makes significant contributions to CSTE and the work of CSTE's membership.

The first annual CSTE Distinguished Partner Award was presented during the 2011 CSTE Annual Conference to Michael (Mike) McGeehin, Ph.D., M.P.H., former Director, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, at the National Center for Environmental Health, CDC.

"I have been so very fortunate during my CDC career to have had the opportunity to work closely with many state epidemiologists and other members of CSTE on difficult, important public health issues," said Dr. McGeehin. "I am humbled that the membership of CSTE valued those collaborations so highly to honor me with the inaugural Distinguished Partner award."

Though recently retired from CDC, Dr. McGeehin has been a long time supporter of CSTE. The activities noted during the award presentation included his advocacy for the CSTE/CDC Applied Epidemiology Fellowship

program and sponsorship of the CSTE Sunday workshops, making it possible for 30-40 state epidemiologists to attend each year. He embraced the CSTE leadership when they proposed an expanded collaboration with CDC, and has ardently supported their efforts over the past five years. His CDC division's support of CSTE has been instrumental in growing and sustaining State Environmental Public Health, and his support of the CDC-CSTE cooperative agreement has been instrumental in assuring the participation of unfunded states in grantee activities such as the Tracking Program workshops.

Now working as a Senior Environmental Health Epidemiologist in Global Climate Change and Environmental Sciences at the Research Triangle Institute, Dr. McGeehin continues his support of CSTE. "I value my friendships with the CSTE members and hope to continue to work with the organization long into the future," he said.

CSTE DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

The first annual CSTE Distinguished Leadership Award was presented at the 2011 Annual Conference. The award was established by the Executive Board to recognize the efforts of a current CSTE Subcommittee Chair, Liaison or Consultant who provides exceptional guidance, leadership and dedication to the organization over the previous year.

Many outstanding nominations for the first CSTE Distinguished Leadership Award were made by members wanting to recognize the dedication of exceptional leaders within CSTE. One subcommittee excelled with the efforts to promote the work of their leadership – the Occupational Health Surveillance Subcommittee.

Led by Dr. Letitia (Tish) Davis, Director of the Occupational Health Surveillance Program at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and Dr. Kenneth (Ken) Rosenman, Chief of the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the Michigan State University, this subcommittee is widely recognized for its exceptional spirit of collaboration and mentoring aimed at encouraging new states to established occupational health surveillance programs.

On receiving the award, Dr. Davis said, “I was caught by suprise and deeply grateful. There is no honor more meaningful than being recognized by one’s peers.”

“It was great to be recognized for activity that I considered worthwhile and enjoyed doing. The award was a total surprise and very much appreciated. The occupational folks are a great group to work with not to mention play soccer with,” said Dr. Rosenman.

The growth of the NIOSH surveillance cooperative agreement program was strongly influenced by Davis and Rosenman in demonstrating the value of state-based occupational

health surveillance programs, their effective linking of surveillance to intervention, and their commitment and selfless dedication to expanding the network of states actively engaged in occupational health surveillance.

They have provided leadership, energy, wisdom, and innovation to the state-based occupational health programs and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health through their many years of dedicated work as co-chairs of the subcommittee since its inception in 1998.

“The occupational folks joined CSTE in 1998 and have been very active and productive, thanks in part to the infrastructure and interaction with other parts of the public health community provided by CSTE,” said Dr. Rosenman.

Dr. Davis also applauded CSTE’s support of the group’s efforts. “CSTE has been an important home for the state-based occupational public health community. It has allowed us to come together as more than ‘federal grantees’ and to build capacity for occupational health surveillance and prevention in the states,” she said. “It has also given us the opportunity to learn from colleagues in other public disciplines and re-integrate occupational health into mainstream public health. We need to work together to address the complex interplay of personal, environmental and occupational risk factors that influence our health.”

CSTE congratulates 2011 Distinguished Leadership Award recipients Tish Davis and Ken Rosenman.

CLASS VII GRADUATING FELLOWS





Amanda Masters receives 2011 Super Staff award from Jennifer Lemmings.

2011 SUPER STAFF AWARD

The Super Staff Award was created in 2001 as a way to recognize staff members for their dedication and for working "above and beyond" job requirements. Nominations are made and voted on by CSTE staff, and the award is presented at the CSTE Annual Conference.

"Winning the Super Staff Award was a great honor," said 2011 award recipient Amanda Masters. "It was wonderful to be recognized for my work." As CSTE's Workforce and Fellowship Coordinator, Masters manages the CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellowship program, as well as CSTE's other workforce activities.

As with many of the efforts of CSTE, Masters believes the Fellowship program has thrived because of the staff's teamwork. "The Fellowship program is so successful because of all of the work and contributions from everyone at the CSTE National Office, both operations and program staff, and the leadership of Pat McConnon and LaKesha Robinson," she said.

"The Fellowship has grown so much since I joined CSTE in 2008 and worked with Classes V and VI. We will begin accepting applications this Fall for Class XI! I look forward to being a part of it as it continues to grow and strengthen applied epi capacity at the state and local level."

Masters joined CSTE in 2008. She received her bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Georgia and holds an M.P.H. from the Rollins School of Public Health and Emory University.

CSTE congratulates Amanda Masters on her recognition as the 2011 Super Staff Award winner.

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HEALTH DISPARITIES DATA ANALYTIC METHOD MEETING

Representatives of the CSTE Health Disparities Subcommittee and of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention met on May 24, 2011 in Atlanta, GA to discuss a Health Disparities Geocoded Data Analytic Method Project. This meeting was convened to develop guidance for a simplified analytic method that local and state health departments can apply to local and state public health datasets to assess geocoded disease data for socioeconomic and racial/ethnic health disparities. This approach is inspired by “The Public Health Disparities Geocoding Project” from Professor Nancy Krieger of the Harvard School of Public Health, which uses area-based socioeconomic measures with public health surveillance data to describe and monitor health inequalities. Lessons learned were shared from two recent applications of this approach to different

datasets in Connecticut and New York City. The meeting participants discussed how datasets can be geocoded. Participants agreed on census tract poverty status as a useful socioeconomic measure to describe health disparities. A brief summary of this meeting was presented in the Health Disparities Roundtable at the CSTE Annual Conference in June. The next steps will include drafting and distributing the method guidance and proposing a demonstration project where this method can be applied to one or more nationally notifiable diseases in several state and local jurisdictions. The result will be a web-based document that contains guidance and results of the demonstration project and will be available in early fall. For more information, please contact Annie Tran at atran@cste.org.

2ND NATIONAL DISASTER EPIDEMIOLOGY WORKSHOP

The CSTE Disaster Epidemiology Subcommittee held its 2nd National Disaster Epidemiology Workshop on May 11-12, 2011 in Atlanta, GA in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Safe States Alliance. The workshop brought together 50 participants from state, local, territorial, and tribal health departments, academic centers, and seven Centers from within CDC to share experiences from disaster responses. The participants worked to develop a framework for epidemiology functions and to clarify the role of epidemiology in the public health emergency preparedness system.

Epidemiologists from across subject disciplines were in attendance, including acute and communicable disease, injury, environmental health, occupational health, chronic disease, mental/behavioral health, and maternal and child health. Workshop highlights include discussions with Rear Admiral Dr. Ali Khan, Director of the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response at CDC and Dr. Margaret Kitt, Deputy Director for Program at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Dr. Khan underscored the critical importance of basing decisions and actions during emergencies on scientifically derived data, and turning data into useable information for incident leaders. Dr. Kitt discussed the value of applying epidemiologic principles and methods to improving the safety and health of responders and volunteers. Participants were invited to join in four active workgroups, including the disaster epidemiology workshop planning workgroup, the lessons learned workgroup, the baseline data workgroup, and the radiation emergency workgroup. The workgroup will finalize a report that will serve as an overview and introduction to disaster epidemiology in the fall. There are also plans to hold another Disaster Epidemiology Workshop in Spring 2012. For more information, please contact Annie Tran at atran@cste.org.

NEW CSTE BOARD MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming CSTE's three new board members, Dr. Alfred (Al) DeMaria, Janet Hamilton and Dr. Joe McLaughlin. We look forward to working with them as CSTE continues to grow and work to serve our members.



ALFRED (AL) DEMARIA

Infectious Disease Steering Committee Chair

Dr. Alfred DeMaria serves as Medical Director of the Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention, Response and Services in the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. He is also the state epidemiologist for Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Boston University and Harvard Medical School. He trained in internal medicine at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, New York and in infectious diseases at Boston City Hospital and the Boston University School of Medicine.

Prior to joining the Department of Public Health in 1989, Dr. Demaria was an infectious diseases

consultant in private practice and prior to that on the staff of The Maxwell Finland Laboratory for Infectious Diseases and Section of Infectious Diseases, Boston City Hospital and Boston University School of Medicine.

Dr. DeMaria is a fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and serves on committees of the Massachusetts Medical Society and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America, and on the boards of the Massachusetts Public Health Association and The Public Health Museum.



JANET HAMILTON

Surveillance / Informatics Steering Committee Chair

Janet J. Hamilton, M.P.H., is an epidemiologist with public health work experience at the state and local level. Ms. Hamilton started with the Florida Department of Health in 2003 following completion of her Masters of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Michigan. To further advance her informatics training, she completed the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) 10 X 10 course in 2008.

Ms. Hamilton has six years of experience running and developing the Florida Department of Health's infectious disease surveillance systems. She is currently the Communicable Disease Surveillance and Reporting Unit Manager for the Bureau of Epidemiology. In this position, she has made Florida a leader in innovation in both reportable disease and syndromic surveillance. She also oversees surveillance activities during response efforts post-natural disaster (such as hurricanes), antimicrobial resistance, and influenza and other non-reportable respiratory diseases.

A core focus of Ms. Hamilton's work has been to advance electronic laboratory reporting for reportable disease surveillance, and most recently to automate case generation, determination of case classification according to surveillance case definitions and reporting for select reportable diseases within the in-house developed reportable disease surveillance system, Merlin. She has given numerous presentations and was invited to present to the American Health Information Community (AHIC) Population Health and Clinical Care Connections Workgroup on surveillance system needs and data use during outbreak response.

Ms. Hamilton has been an active member of CSTE. She currently participates in the Surveillance/Informatics Steering Committee, the Surveillance Practice and Implementation Subcommittee and the CDC-CSTE ELR Legal Considerations Workgroup. In particular, she is interested in focusing efforts on the challenges and opportunities facing public health in the areas of cloud computing, health information exchanges, the Affordable Care Act, and Meaningful Use.

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JOE MCLAUGHLIN

Member-at-Large

Dr. Joe McLaughlin is the State Epidemiologist for Alaska and the Chief of the Alaska Section of Epidemiology. He began his career in Alaska as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2001. After completing his fellowship with CDC, he was hired on with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) in 2003.

In his current role as the Chief of the Alaska Section of Epidemiology, Dr. McLaughlin oversees the work of six major programs and approximately 60 people. He has supervised Alaska-based Epidemic Intelligence Service Officers since 2003. He is the Chief Editor for the *Alaska Epidemiology Bulletin*, and has authored and/or edited over 150 *Bulletins* on a wide variety of issues of public health concern related to the epidemiology of infectious diseases, injury, occupational health, immunizations, sexually transmitted infections, environmental health, chronic disease, maternal/child health, preparedness, and other topics.

Dr. McLaughlin completed his medical school training at the University of Minnesota, during which time he was also a graduate research assistant in biomedical ethics. He completed a Master's Degree in Public Health and Tropical Medicine at Tulane University,

and residency training in Preventive Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine.

Dr. McLaughlin was the recipient of the "Rising Star Award" by the American College of Preventive Medicine. He has done volunteer medical work and teaching in many developing countries, including Belize, Bolivia, Honduras, India and Zimbabwe. He is currently an Assistant Professor with the University of Alaska's Master's in Public Health Program. He is also a member of the Delta Omega National Public Health Honorary Society, the Alaska Area Institutional Review Board, the Alaska DHSS Privacy Board, and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials' Infectious Diseases Policy Committee.

Dr. McLaughlin has also been the primary or co-author of numerous peer-reviewed journal articles, including primary authorship in prominent journals such as the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, *Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal*, *Atherosclerosis*, and others.

When not at work, Dr. McLaughlin is passionate about spending time in the outdoors whitewater kayaking, rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking, and backcountry skiing. He is also a burgeoning birder.

NEW CSTE STAFF



Beth Dunbar • Associate Research Analyst

Beth joined CSTE just in time for the 2011 Annual Conference. She supports CSTE's role in the BioSense redesign at the National Office. Most recently, Beth completed a fellowship at CDC's Waterborne Disease Prevention Branch focusing on domestic, recreational water issues. She obtained her Master of Public Health in 2009 from Johns Hopkins University and happily conducted her thesis with the Maryland AIDS Administration's surveillance and epidemiology team. Beth completed her bachelor degree at The College of Wooster in Ohio but hails from Minnesota. Beth can be reached at edunbar@cste.org or 770-458-3811.



Andrea Giorgi • Associate Research Analyst

Andrea Giorgi joined CSTE as an Associate Research Analyst in July 2011. She works with Lisa Ferland on CSTE's influenza activities and devotes most of her time to the Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project (IISP) performing data analysis and working directly with CDC. Andrea recently completed her Master of Public Health in Epidemiology at the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health. While pursuing a Master degree, Andrea spent two years working as an influenza surveillance officer at the Minnesota Department of Health. Andrea received her Bachelor's degrees in Biology and Spanish from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Andrea can be reached at agiorgi@cste.org or 770-458-3811.



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