



COUNCIL OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL EPIDEMIOLOGISTS

Chronic/MCH/Oral Health Steering Committee Update September 2011

Chair: Sara Huston
CSTE Staff Lead: Annie Tran

Chronic Disease Epi Capacity Building – Renee Calanan

- Chronic Disease Epi Capacity State Profiles from the 2009 ECA assessment were finalized sent to State Epidemiologists and chronic disease contacts in April.
- There was a session on building chronic epidemiology capacity at the annual conference with goal of planning future projects and potentially gaining new subcommittee members. The session was fairly well attended, and we had good discussion and networking.
- Potential projects include 1) proactive outreach to identify a few of the lower-capacity states that have an active interest in tapping into technical assistance from CSTE and NCCDPHP and 2) develop capacity building efforts targeted to the gaps that are identified in the profiles for those states. A newly proposed idea was to offer assistance with publications by members/states. We intend to recruit additional subcommittee members through the CSTE listserv.

Surveillance and Informatics Subcommittee/NACDD Liaison – Khosrow Heidari

- Subcommittee developed an assessment: Chronic Disease Surveillance Activities using E-Health Information that was sent to Chronic Disease Epi Points of Contact. Follow-up with non-respondents was completed this summer.
- NACDD Liaison: represented CSTE's interest on:
 - o Epidemiology Mentorship Program Subcommittee: mentor and mentee abstracts were accepted for one dedicated breakout session, one round table and one poster presentation. Kathy Brown will also be representing CSTE on this committee
 - o Meaningful Use: Participated in the CSTE Response to the HIT Policy Committee Meaningful Use Work group discussion.
 - o Surveillance Workshop: Represented the Chronic Disease section at the workshop in Denver and Pittsburgh and shared some comment regarding future of public surveillance and the implications for informatics.

Cancer Subcommittee/BRFSS Liaison – Youjie Huang

- Assisted CDC Division of Behavioral Surveillance with a roundtable session at the CSTE annual meeting in June 2011
- Attended a CDC BRFSS Working Group meeting in July 2011 and distributed the meeting minutes to both NACDD and CSTE committees
 - o Submitted a proposal to committees of both NACDD and CSTE for a joint letter to CDC leadership, which will request CDC to include states' needs in a CDC evaluation of BRFSS program.

Maternal and Child Health Subcommittee – Bill Sappenfield

- The Subcommittee continues to have bi-monthly call with the MCH EPI group. Partnering with AMCHP in developing assessment on MCH epi capacity, skills and partnership.
- CSTE was invited to be a partner in the 3rd National Summit on Preconception Health and Health Care Summit in Tampa, FL. The summit dates coincide with the annual conference so we will be a partner in name only

ASTHO Prevention Policy Committee (liaison) – Chris Maylahn

- Provided comments to the draft framework created for the National Prevention Strategy. The committee supports the creation of the Council and recommended that it be implemented as a partnership with state health agencies; promote "health-in-all" policies and agencies; align its goals with those of Healthy People 2020 to achieve a cohesive, evidence-based approach with a defined timeframe; and utilize evidence-based policies and the Guide to Community Preventive Services.
- Committee's major focus will remain the Chronic Disease Consolidated Grant and the National Prevention Strategy. At the Policy Summit, we will be looking at the national strategies and opportunities for health agencies to support them.
- Started working on an outline for the Preventing Chronic Disease editorial and have interviewed a few people about key topics to cover.
- Chris will no longer represent CSTE on the Prevention Policy Committee. CSTE will no longer have a representative on this committee, as there are already quite a few CSTE members on the various ASTHO committees.

Other Updates

- Chronic Disease Indicators: Process to review and update the chronic disease indicators through NACDD cooperative agreement with input from CDC, NACDD membership, and CSTE membership. CSTE has identified members by subject area to provide input into revising/updating of the indicators in spring 2011.
- State-based Cardiovascular Disease Surveillance Data Linkage Pilot Project: All three states have made progress in linking existing data sources to generate new information for monitoring CVD morbidity and mortality. Nebraska and Wisconsin presented their findings in a breakout session at the annual conference. Wisconsin will continue their project through May 31 to revise and refine linkage methodologies and to extend the years of study to include more data.