



COUNCIL OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL EPIDEMIOLOGISTS

CSTE Executive Board Meeting September 19 – 21, 2011

Infectious Disease Steering Committee Update

Steering Committee Chair: Al DeMaria

CSTE lead staff: Lauren Rosenberg, Lisa Ferland, Andrea Giorgi

Food Safety – Kirk Smith, Lauren Rosenberg

- CSTE received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the 19 sites funded to conduct trainings on the CIFOR Toolkit. Over 800 public health professionals participated in the trainings. The sites identified specific recommendations from the CIFOR *Guidelines* to implement to improve foodborne disease outbreak response. 2 additional sites will be funded to conduct trainings by the end of 2011.
- UNC will conduct a series of instructional webinars regarding the *Guidelines* and the accompanying Toolkit. The webinars will take place later this fall and will feature subject matter experts as speakers.
- An MMWR article will be published later this year on the results from the food safety epidemiology capacity assessment to accompany the technical report. A peer-reviewed publication is planned.
- CIFOR and CSTE have begun a legal project with consultant Pat Elliott to compile a subset of state laws regarding foodborne disease, a lay language handbook for public health practitioners, and recommended legal provisions for senior public health officials. The analysis of state laws has been completed and the report will be finalized this fall.

Healthcare Associated Infections – Marion Kainer, Lauren Rosenberg

- The HAI Standards Committee will be formed this fall as the result of position statement 11-SI-03.
- Several CSTE members participated in the meeting, “State-Level Partners Collaborating to Eliminate Healthcare-Associated Infections” put on by DHHS last week.

HIV – Angelique Griffin, Lauren Rosenberg

- An HIV capacity assessment has been distributed to HIV Surveillance Coordinators to update capacity data from the previous 2007 assessment.
- A consultant is working to adapt a Florida surveillance training manual to a national audience. The training manual will be used by new surveillance coordinators and staff.

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

- A new measles workgroup, chaired by Kathy Harriman, has formed under the immunization subcommittees. The first call was September 12.

Influenza – Chris Hahn, Lisa Ferland, Andrea Giorgi

- 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.
- 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.
- CSTE is partnering with CDC's Influenza Division to assist with country-specific surveillance reviews.

NASPHV – Kristy Bradley, Lauren Rosenberg

- Carina Blackmore will represent NASPHV and CSTE at the U.S. Animal Health Association Annual Meeting.
- The animal rabies compendium will take place in winter of 2012.
- NASPHV will form a multidisciplinary Q-fever workgroup that will meet in early 2012.

Other

- A small group has met to discuss non-culture-based testing methods. This group will be expanded and may result in a breakout session at the 2012 Annual Conference and potentially revised position statements.