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CSTE Executive Board Meeting September 2011

Surveillance/Informatics Steering Committee Update

Steering Committee Chair: Janet Hamilton

CSTE staff: Lisa Ferland, Monica Huang, Beth Dunbar

Surveillance Practice and Implementation Subcommittee – Lesliann Helmus

- State Reportable Conditions Assessment (SRCA): The SRCA has been redesigned for 2011 and is currently being programmed and tested for launch this fall
 - o Collects new information on timeframes, reporting details, and implicit reporting categories
 - o Updated user interface with new functions to improve ease of data entry
 - o 2011 SRCA will take more time for states to complete because the new data format limits the ability to pre-fill responses with 2010 data, but responses will be saved to pre-fill the form and reduce the burden in subsequent years
 - o Current target launch is mid-Oct, with survey open through December 2011
 - o Planning multiple instructional webinars to educate users during launch
- NEDSS article scheduled for publication in MMWR October 21, 2011
- Reportable Conditions Mapping Table (RCMT): all NNCs and some reportable conditions were mapped successfully in June
 - o Ongoing work for remaining conditions and transferring maintenance to CDC
- Discussion of Proposal for the ONC Standards and Interoperability Framework Public Health Reporting Initiative – comments were submitted on September 6

Surveillance Policy Subcommittee – Tim Jones

- Perry Smith has developed a draft surveillance strategy paper (updated Blueprint for Public Health Surveillance), which is currently being reviewed by an editorial committee
- Discussed states' NEDSS and NEDSS Base System (NBS) questions with CDC
- Discussion of NNC suspect cases and CDC print criteria
 - o Confirmed with CDC NNDSS that CDC event codes should match the NNC list for notification and publication of confirmed, probable, or suspect cases
 - o Raised issues concerning suspect case classification, especially around the 2011 enteric position statements- expect more discussion in working group on non-culture testing methods and surveillance
- Monthly BioSense Redesign updates: See additional one-pager on CSTE BioSense activities

Electronic Laboratory Reporting Subcommittee – JA Magnuson

- JA submitted ELR article on trends from 2004-2009 to the MMWR in June 2011
- ELR Taskforce is coming to a close with a Steering Committee meeting in Atlanta, Sept. 13-14, to discuss original priorities, completed deliverables, and next steps
 - o Final materials developed by the taskforce will be posted on the CSTE website
- ELR Legal Considerations Assessment completed- preliminary results presented at ELR Taskforce Steering Committee meeting, with final analysis and report to be completed this fall
- Planning formation of new subcommittee covering ELR and NEDSS issues, with regular meetings tentatively scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month and first call on September 21

Surveillance Indicators Subcommittee – Richard Hopkins

- Created a prototype page of links to surveillance indicator resources to be posted to the CSTE website, will be ready by end of September
- Plan for cross-cutting surveillance indicators group with participants representing different program areas with already established processes for developing indicators
 - o Plan for periodic conference calls to encourage sharing and cross-pollination