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DEHS Directors' Meeting: 01/07/16

Meeting recording and attachments available; <http://ihs.adobeconnect.com/p9lny7uc7r2/>

Next meeting March 03, 2016, 1:00-2:30PM ET

Alaska:	Denman Ondelacy	Nashville:	Kit Grosch
Albuquerque:	Debra Grabowski	Navajo:	Gordon Tsatoke
Bemidji:	Tim Duffy	Oklahoma:	Danny Walters
Billings:	Joe Amiotte	Phoenix:	Kenny Hicks
California:	Carolyn Garcia/Sarah Snyder	Portland:	Celeste Davis
Great Plains:	<i>Not on call</i>	Tucson:	Martin Smith

Environmental Health Support Center: *Not on call*

Rockville: Kelly Taylor, David McMahon, Nancy Bill, Charles Woodlee, Darren Buchanan, Stephen Piontkowski

1. Performance Measures (David McMahon)

a. 2015 Measures

- i. Thanks for submitting your information as it was used a week later for the 2017 budget justification to Congress
- ii. See attached *Environmental Surveillance Performance Measure Report* and *Injury Intervention Performance Measure Report* (Excel files available at <http://ihs.adobeconnect.com/p9lny7uc7r2/>)
- iii. Summary – Environmental Surveillance
 1. Reporting Status
 - a. In FY 2015, the Division of Environmental Health Services reported on methods that were used to share successful environmental surveillance intervention strategies that were effective in reducing food risk factors
 - b. Of the 11 IHS Areas participating in the measure, 8 (72.7%) reported successful intervention strategies that were shared with other Tribal and IHS programs
 2. Methods Of Sharing Effective Strategies
 - a. Sharing information on the reduction in foodborne risk factors with Tribal health Directors through scheduled meetings or during close-out of environmental health site visits to show how interventions are having an impact
 - b. Shared via Tribal consultation, presentations, reports, and other discussions with Tribal Program Directors and Tribal Executive staff
 - c. Internally with EHS program managers and staff through conference calls and meetings
 - d. Submitting the intervention work as an Indian Health Service National Director's award



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- e. Through presentations at health seminars hosted by Tribes
 - f. Through follow-up surveys focused on providing best practice resources and tools from reputable food safety organizations such as the Food and Drug Administration and the National Restaurant Association (ServSafe)
 - g. Through discussions with food service, Head Start, and child care program leaders and staff
 - h. Through presentations at Elderly Nutrition Program Pre-Service and Annual Conference training sessions
 - i. By meeting with Tribal business/enterprise and gaming commission staff to encourage adoption of internal environmental health and food safety programs which include codes, inspections, and training of food handlers
 - j. A model program was shared with these other businesses and Tribes to encourage development of similar food safety program
- iv. Summary – Injury Intervention
- 1. Reporting Status
 - a. In FY 2015, the Division of Environmental Health Services reported on methods that were used to share successful injury intervention strategies that were effective in increase seat belt usage rates
 - b. Of the 8 IHS Areas participating in the measure, 7 (87.5%) reported that successful intervention strategies were shared with other Tribal and IHS programs
 - 2. Methods Of Sharing Effective Strategies
 - a. Presentations to Tribal councils, communities, elders, and schools to reinforce awareness and encourage the continuance of the interventions to increase seat belt use
 - b. Reports and information with other Tribal Programs to support efforts to apply for injury prevention grants and other funding opportunities
 - c. Letters, reports, and presentations/discussions at Tribal consultation and Tribal council meetings
 - d. Reports and presentations to police departments
 - e. Local radio and newspaper public service announcements
 - f. Encouraging law enforcement officials to share results with Tribal Council

- g. Presentations at local, state, and national venues. For example, via poster presentations at national conferences on highway safety priorities (such as the Lifesavers Conference)
 - h. Formally recognize successful Tribal partners through certificates, newsletter articles, and IHS Director's Award nominations
- b. 2016-2020 Measures (Darren Buchanan)
- i. Environmental Surveillance
 - 1. Across all Areas ~29% of Type 80s had a routine survey conducted to date
 - 2. Areas informally stated about how many establishments they have selected in the system and how many surveys they've conducted; momentum is building
 - ii. Injury Intervention Measures
 - 1. Areas have yet to enter complete project data to WebEHRS yet. Contact Darren if you need assistance.
 - 2. Reminder that all Areas should have entered their target community for this measure; some Areas still determining target community
 - iii. Area requested HQ submit a routine (e.g. quarterly) status report to Areas
 - iv. Discussed items surveyed to date by Area; see table below.

Routine Food Safety Surveys Completed for the 2016 Baseline Measurement

Data generated on 1/7/2016

Area	Number of Routine Surveys Completed	Number of Selected Establishments	Percent Complete
ALASKA	0	7	0%
ALBUQUERQUE	7	15	47%
BEMIDJI	10	20	50%
BILLINGS	1	8	13%
CALIFORNIA	2	15	13%
GREAT PLAINS	9	26	35%
NASHVILLE	0	5	0%
NAVAJO	21	59	36%
OKLAHOMA	6	25	24%
PHOENIX	2	26	8%
PORTLAND	4	14	29%
TUCSON	3	5	60%
National Total	65	225	29%



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2. COSTEP Update (Stephen Piontkowski and Kelly Taylor)

- a. -Thanks for your wish list and recruit info
- b. -Areas requested 29 COSTEPs (below)
- c. -Selections to occur January 21, 2016

Area	COSTEP?	# COSTEPs
AQ	Yes	1
BE	Yes	4
BI	Yes	3
CA	Yes	2
EHSC	Yes	1
GP	Yes	4
NS	No	0
NV	Yes	5
OK	Yes	2
PH	Yes	5
PO	Yes	1
TU	Yes	1
AK		
Total		29

3. Core Team and Operational Model Performance Element Team (David McMahon)

- a. Last active in 2014 and to be revitalized in 2016
- b. Next vision element to work on is Operational Model
- c. Dave to reach out to Core Team members in January 2016

4. EHS of the Year Discussion (David McMahon)

- a. Members: Kenny, Tim, Debra, Martin, Chris
- b. Brief background of workgroup's recommendations (Kenny)
- c. Discussed criteria distributed by Dave on
- d. 36 minute discussion
- e. Determined a separate, focused call on this topic will be hosted

5. Photo Contest (Stephen Piontkowski)

- a. Four pictures submitted
- b. Submission criteria reminder
- c. Photos due to Steve by February 1, 2016



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6. Annual Meeting Planning Summary (David McMahon)

- a. Thanks for your response to the Survey Monkey
- b. March 29-31, 2016; Minneapolis, MN
- c. Dave mustering planning committee

7. Injury Prevention Program Update (Nancy Bill)

- a. Project officer training April 19, 2016; Rockville, MD
- b. TIPCAP annual workshop April 20-21, 2016; Rockville, MD (Part I sites & PO only)
- c. Area IP Specialist meeting May 10-12, 2016; Rockville, MD (IPS attend IP Fellowship)
- d. IP Fellowship Symposium May 11, 2016; Rockville, MD

8. IEH Program Update (Charles Woodlee)

- a. Charles will be contacting Area IEHOs to introduce himself and chat about needs assessments and goals for the year
- b. OSHA 300a summaries are due February 1, 2016 and typically signed by CEO's and Area Directors

9. Area Reports

- a. Alaska
 - i. Denman attending w/ protégée
 - ii. Jeff Smith retired and serving as a consultant to ANTHC
 - iii. Denman requested call with Kelly and Gary Ferguson
- b. Albuquerque
 - i. Debby attending annual meeting and unsure about protégée
 - ii. SU EHO, Santa Fe, reporting in January 2016
 - iii. SU EHO, Albuquerque, classification and announcement pending
 - iv. Albuquerque, DEHO, classification and announcement pending
 - v. Debra sitting on Colorado School of Public Health's, Advisory Council for Training Compilation and Certification Program for Environmental Assessments of FBI Outbreaks; the council would like tribal representative, if you know of a tribal contact send to Debra ASAP; Debra will share a summary document via email
- c. Bemidji
 - i. Tim attending annual meeting w/ 2 protégées
 - ii. SU EHO, Minnesota District Office, reporting March 2016
 - iii. Surface Pro 3 or 4 tablet recommended
- d. Billings – *no report*
- e. California
 - i. Attending annual meeting w/ w/o protégée – not stated
 - ii. Welcome Carolyn Garcia, Director, DEHS
 - iii. DEHO, Sacramento District Office vacancy forthcoming
 - iv. Program planning in February
 - v. Meeting w/ ACF next week



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- f. Great Plains – *not on call*
- g. Nashville
 - i. Kit attending annual meeting maybe w/ protégée
 - ii. Car seat project w/ United South Eastern Tribes pending
 - iii. Elder fall prevention project forthcoming
 - iv. TRANSAM warehouse is operational
- h. Navajo
 - i. Gordon attending annual meeting maybe w/ Brian
 - ii. DEHO, Fort Defiance District announcement forthcoming January 2016
 - iii. SU EHO, announcements (2) announcements next quarter
 - iv. New Acting Area Director
- i. Oklahoma
 - i. Danny attending annual meeting w/o protégée
 - ii. Farrel Smith was selected as CEO of Wewoka Indian Health Center and is no longer in DEHS
 - iii. Jordon Cox, SU EHO, Pawnee, selected
 - iv. Project that will allow poison control to call hospitals
 - v. Car seat clinic w/ Potawatomi, April 2016
 - vi. Elder fall prevention project pending
 - vii. DEHS leadership met ASPR R6 and Oklahoma Emergency Managers
- j. Phoenix
 - i. Kenny attending annual meeting w/ Kelli Mohler
 - ii. 5 SU EHOs (GS-7/9) selected via Pathways
 - iii. Additional 5 SU EHOs (GS-7/9) advertised via Pathways and awaiting panel from HR (100 applications received from this announcement)
 - iv. Sarah Snyder, DEHO, Lakeside, AZ reporting March 2016
 - v. Ricardo Murga transferring late February
 - vi. OEHE Director advertised in December 2015; Welch to retire June 2016
 - vii. Area Workshop May 2016
 - viii. Intro to IP Course; February 23-25, 2016; Reno, NV



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- k. Portland
 - i. Celeste attending annual meeting w/ protégée
 - ii. Celeste on National Indian Health Board's Steering Committee for Public Health in Indian Country Survey
 - iii. Holly Thompson Duffy, Pesticide Safety, selected
 - iv. Entry level position dedicated to providing Community EH Assessments pending
 - v. Asthma project using EHR in Yakama
 - vi. IP meeting w/ NW Portland Area Indian Health Board pending
 - vii. IEH Program met NIOSH re: their tribal capacity assessment and discuss tribal occupational safety and health programs
 - viii. Emergency management: militia in Harney County adjacent Burns Paiute Tribe; no impact at this time
- l. Tucson – *no report*
- m. EHSC – *not on call*

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