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DEHS Directors' Meeting: 03/03/16

Meeting recording and attachments available: <http://ihs.adobeconnect.com/p7vmt81skna/>¹

Next meeting June 09, 2016, 1:00-2:30PM ET

Alaska: Denman Ondelacy/Mike Brubaker/Brian Berube
Nashville: Kit Grosch
Albuquerque: Debra Grabowski
Navajo: Gordon Tsatoke
Bemidji: *Not on call*
Oklahoma: Danny Walters
Billings: Darcy Merchant
Phoenix: Kenny Hicks
California: Carolyn Garcia
Portland: Celeste Davis
Great Plains: Chris Allen
Tucson: Martin Smith
Environmental Health Support Center: Angela Hodge
Rockville: Kelly Taylor, David McMahon, Nancy Bill, Charles Woodlee, Darren Buchanan, Stephen Piontkowski

1. DEHS Directors' Meeting Update (David McMahon)

- a. March 29-31, 2016; Minneapolis, MN
- b. Planning committee: David McMahon, Molly Curry, Tim Duffy, Kenny Hicks, Danny Walters, Stephen Piontkowski
- c. Reviewed draft agenda (available at <http://ihs.adobeconnect.com/p7vmt81skna/>)
- d. Venue and lodging: [Hilton Minneapolis](#)
 - i. Reserve rooms by March 07, 2016
 - ii. A block of rooms under the event name *Indian Health Service* is available
 - iii. Reservations can be made [here](#), or call 888-933-5363, or at www.Hilton.com referencing our group's three-letter code (*IHS*)
- e. Attendees
 - i. AK: Denman Ondelacy; Brian Berube
 - ii. AQ: Debra Grabowski
 - iii. BE:
 - iv. BI: Darcy Merchant (tentative)
 - v. CA: Carolyn Garcia
 - vi. EHSC: Richard Turner
 - vii. GP: Chris Allen; Molly Curry; 1 more TBD
 - viii. NS: Kit Grosch
 - ix. NV: Gordon Tsatoke
 - x. OK: Danny Walters
 - xi. PH: Kenny Hicks; Kelli Mohler
 - xii. PO: Celeste Davis
 - xiii. TU: Martin Smith

¹ Recording only made from the Area Highlights to the end of the call.

2. Performance Measures (David McMahon/Darren Buchanan)

a. 2016-2020 Measures

- i. Please ensure progress on the *Environmental Surveillance and Injury Intervention Performance Measures*
- ii. On the January call Areas requested HQ submit a routine (e.g. quarterly) status report to Areas

1. See tables below and attached *Environmental Surveillance Performance Measure Stats* and *Environmental Surveillance Performance Measure Completed* (2 PDF files available at <http://ihs.adobeconnect.com/p7vmt81skna/>); data retrieved March 03, 2016

Percent of Observations Out of Compliance

Selected, Active and RRM Creditable Type 80s, 2001, 2005, 2009, 2013 and Navajo Nation, FY16, Routine/Finalized Surveys

	Observations Marked as Out of Compliance	Observations Marked as In Compliance	Number of Potential Observations (IN + OUT)	Percent of Observations Out of Compliance
ALBUQUERQUE	4	63	67	6.0%
BEMIDJI	1	81	82	1.2%
BILLINGS	0	8	8	0.0%
CALIFORNIA	2	29	31	6.5%
GREAT PLAINS	2	92	94	2.1%
NASHVILLE	0	7	7	0.0%
NAVAJO	20	140	160	12.5%
OKLAHOMA	3	91	94	3.2%
PHOENIX	2	30	32	6.3%
PORTLAND	0	48	48	0.0%
TUCSON	1	23	24	4.2%
National Totals	35	612	647	5.4%

Completed and Remaining Surveys by Area

for Selected, Active and RRM Creditable Type 80s, Routine/Finalized Surveys, FY16

	Surveys Completed	Target Establishments	Remaining Surveys	Percent Remaining
ALASKA	0	7	7	100%
ALBUQUERQUE	9	15	6	40%
BEMIDJI	11	20	9	45%
BILLINGS	1	8	7	88%
CALIFORNIA	4	15	11	73%
GREAT PLAINS	12	26	14	54%
NASHVILLE	1	5	4	80%
NAVAJO	35	60	25	42%
OKLAHOMA	12	25	13	52%
PHOENIX	4	26	22	85%
PORTLAND	6	14	8	57%
TUCSON	3	5	2	40%
	98	226	128	57%

3. Injury Prevention Program Update (Nancy Bill)

- a. TIPCAP call March 31, 2016 will focus on semi-annual reports and IPP non-competing continuation application due May 03, 2016; DEHS Directors are welcome to join the call
- b. Project officer training April 19, 2016; Rockville, MD; provided by [Management Concepts](#)
- c. TIPCAP annual workshop April 20-21, 2016; Rockville, MD (Part I sites & PO only)
 - i. CAPT Billie will present and provide technical assistance
 - ii. Dr. Bruce Fink, IHS Elder Consultant, will present *elder fall prevention*
- d. Area IP Specialist meeting May 10-12, 2016; Rockville, MD (IPS attend IP Fellowship)
- e. IP Fellowship Symposium May 11, 2016; Rockville, MD

4. IEH Program Update (Charles Woodlee)

- a. Gefroh Award: nomination period closed February 21; nominations will be reviewed and winner expected to be announced DEHS Directors' meeting
- b. Area IEH staff were asked to contribute information (significant OSHA/Accreditation survey findings, info on motor vehicle safety program, and hazardous material management practices) for IHS-wide annual report to DHHS; the information will also be used to help identify topics on which HQ may be able to assist; the assistance of the Area IEH staff is greatly appreciated



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5. Area Reports

a. Alaska

- i. Denman continues to meet new Directors of EH Services Departments, ANTHC
- ii. Denman to participate in One Health, ANTHC; associated with Artic Council and local Environmental Observation Network
- iii. Arbovirus: nothing to report
- iv. COSTEPs: None, but ANTHC may hire externs
- v. New field person reporting end of March
- vi. [EHO vacancy \(entry level\), ANTHC, announcement open](#)

b. Albuquerque

- i. SU EHO, Albuquerque, announcement pending
- ii. DEHO, Albuquerque, announcement closed and awaiting panel
- iii. COSTEP: 1 selected but student declined offer; another selected and placement ongoing
- iv. Arbovirus: DEHS has good relationship with State who will provide [Zika, hantavirus, plague] training during next all hands meeting in April
- v. Some staff completing Certified Pool Operator training
- vi. Dishwasher expert to give training at all hands meeting
- vii. SNAP Course; February 22-16; Zuni, NM; went well
- viii. IEHOs very busy with several Joint Commission surveys
- ix. Southwest Regional Food Mangers Conference: New Mexico hosting and DEHS involved in preparations

c. Bemidji – *no report*

d. Billings

- i. COSTEPs: 2 selected and placement ongoing
- ii. Intro to IP Course; May 03-05, 2016; Browning, MT
- iii. Intermediate IP Course; Fall 2016; Billings, MT
- iv. TIPCAP: DEHS assisting the Blackfeet Tribe and Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council develop their plans
- v. Ricardo Murga, reporting this week as new IEHO, Billings Area
- vi. Arbovirus: human Zika virus case (travel-associated)
- vii. Darcy working full-time on EH and IP

e. California

- i. DEHO, Sacramento District Office, vacancy announced
- ii. Writing position description for a new EH Technician position in Arcata, CA
- iii. COSTEPs: 2 selected and placement ongoing
- iv. Program planning meeting was in February; split IEH program responsibilities among Carolyn (will cover northern CA) and Brian (will cover southern CA)



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- v. Arbovirus: EPA R9 Land Division working on Zika control, surveillance, and community outreach and wanted to contact CA tribal community health programs; DEHS staff and IHS Epi Center intend to collaborate with EPA who will likely apply for 18 projects to be funded and include CA tribes; Carolyn to attend Tribal Leaders meeting next week and will get a pulse on other work being done
- f. Great Plains
 - i. Molly Curry, DEHO, retiring June 1
 - ii. Jim Dodd, Turtle Mountain SU, Belcourt, ND retiring soon and vacancy will be back filled
 - iii. Animal Planet filmed RAVS clinic on Rosebud
 - iv. Chris encouraged folks tune into the GPA Senate Committee hearings
 - v. CMS surveyors focus on dishwashing machines so ensure kitchen staff are knowledgeable of machine operation
 - vi. Bobby Peltier, IP Specialist, participating on Child Death Review Panel (South Dakota); has served on the North Dakota panel for four years
- g. Nashville
 - i. OEHE meeting March 13-15
 - ii. Arbovirus: EPA Native American liaison asked R4 tribes to complete a survey re: Zika and survey results will be shared with DEHS who will fill in gaps
 - iii. TRANSAM warehouse is resource drain; considering creation of another EH position to be placed in the south
- h. Navajo
 - i. COSTEPs: 5 selected and placement ongoing
 - ii. Arbovirus: Zika quiet; anticipate high hantavirus case load this season; CDC to conduct vectorborne diseases investigation course for DEHS staff on April 27-29
 - iii. DEHO, Fort Defiance District announcement stalled in HR
 - iv. SU EHO (based in Area office) announcement stalled in HR
- i. Oklahoma
 - i. Jordon Cox, SU EHO, Pawnee, reported; will become FDA Standardization Officer
 - ii. COSTEPs: 2 selected and placed
 - iii. East Central University and Shawnee Field Office: developing project that will provide one extern annually from ECU to Shawnee; OEHE may fund the extern instead of HR
 - iv. Mock survey team for accreditation: Danny is a member and working to enhance communications among Poison Control Center and IHS hospitals/clinics
 - v. Emergency preparedness: DEHS staff participating in Oklahoma table top exercise on March 30



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- j. Phoenix
 - i. 5 SU EHOs (GS-7/9) placed via Pathways; 3 were prior COSTEPs
 - ii. Ricardo Murga, reporting this week as new IEHO, Billings Area
 - iii. Sarah Snyder, DEHO, Lakeside, AZ reporting this week
 - iv. COSTEPs: 4 selected and placed
 - v. Rob Morones: Acting IP Specialists, Phoenix Area
 - vi. Intro to IP Course; February 23-25, 2016; Reno, NV; 19 attendees from 5 IHS Areas
 - vii. Arbovirus: staff participate in Arizona Arboviral Workgroup which reflects the state's collaboration with Mexico and Arizona Office of Border Health's Border Infectious Disease Surveillance program
- k. Portland
 - i. Extern: will host 1 this summer
 - ii. Jacob Fitz, EHS, will report to Portland on March 21; this entry level position is dedicated to providing Community EH Assessments
 - iii. Arbovirus: presented to tribal EP Coordinators and tribal Health Directors at a conference; may conduct surveillance in concert with Washington this summer
 - iv. Capacity development project: kick-off soon; statement of work nearly final
 - v. [Cascadia Rising 2016](#): will focus on responding to impacts in Oregon and Washington; DEHS will participate in this exercise in June
- l. Tucson
 - i. Working on EHR (falls, animal bites, arbovirus) to enhance reporting investigations to DEHS
 - ii. Arbovirus: will begin testing in May alongside state
 - iii. Rabies vaccination clinics prep ongoing
 - iv. COSTEPs: not hosting COSTEP this year as intended as a result of 638-related uncertainties
- m. EHSC
 - i. NFPA 101; April 26-28; Sioux City, IA
 - ii. NFPA 101; May 03-05; Billings, MT
 - iii. NFPA 101; June 07-09; Albuquerque, NM
 - iv. TIPCAP and DEHS Directors' meetings prep
 - v. COSTEP: 1 selected and placement ongoing

6. Arbovirus

- a. NS and CA mentioned collaboration with EPA on Zika-related projects but folks on call were unsure if EPA reaching out to tribes in other Areas/states
- b. PO stated Holly Thompson Duffy works exclusively with pesticide safety/IPM though an agreement with EPA and could serve as an IHS rep if needed



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7. Reminders

- a. EHSOTY 2015 scores due March 07
- b. Review Economic Development White Paper for DEHS Directors' meeting
- c. Review Fellowship recommendations (i.e. ARC) for DEHS Directors' meeting
- d. Poster projects due March 11; identify 1 poster you would like printed to present at the for DEHS Directors' meeting

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