

## DEHS Directors' Meeting: 10/01/15

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Next meeting January 07, 2016, 1:00-2:30PM ET

<b>Alaska:</b>	Denman Ondelacy	<b>Nashville:</b>	<i>Not on call</i>
<b>Albuquerque:</b>	Debra Grabowski	<b>Navajo:</b>	Gordon Tsatoke
<b>Bemidji:</b>	Tim Duffy	<b>Oklahoma:</b>	Danny Walter
<b>Billings:</b>	Joe Amiotte	<b>Phoenix:</b>	Kenny Hicks
<b>California:</b>	Sarah Snyder	<b>Portland:</b>	Celeste Davis
<b>Great Plains:</b>	Chris Allen	<b>Tucson:</b>	Martin Smith
<b>Environmental Health Support Center:</b>	Angela Hodge		
<b>Rockville:</b>	Kelly Taylor, David McMahon, Nancy Bill, Darren Buchanan, Stephen Piontkowski		

### 1. Performance Measures (David McMahon)

- a. 2015 Measures
  - i. Measures = dissemination of successful interventions
  - ii. Complete [Environmental Surveillance](#) and [Injury Intervention](#) Survey Monkeys by November 30, 2015 (see McMahon's 2015 IHS *Environmental Health Performance Measures* email with details)
  - iii. Final summary report similar to previous years will be distributed and used for budget justification
- b. 2016-2020 Measures
  - i. WebEHRS preparations update (Darren Buchanan)
  - ii. Discussed items selected to date by Area; see table below

Items selected and prepared for the Environmental Health and Injury Prevention 2016-2020 Performance Measures  
(as of 10/1/2015 at 11:30 am ET)

Number of Establishments Selected for EH Measure				Projects in Place for IP Measure	
	Target Number	Current Number	Percent Complete	Project?	
Alaska	35	7	20%	Alaska	✓
Albuquerque	15	15	100%	Albuquerque	✓
Bemidji	18	11	61%	Bemidji	✓
Billings	8	7	88%	Billings	✓
California	15	15	100%	California	
Great Plains	23	16	70%	Great Plains	✓
Nashville	5	0	0%	Nashville	
Navajo	70	59	84%	Navajo	✓
Oklahoma	25	25	100%	Oklahoma	✓
Phoenix	26	26	100%	Phoenix	✓
Portland	13	14	108%	Portland	✓
Tucson	5	1	20%	Tucson	
Nationally	258	196	76%		

- iii. Areas who do not think they'll report target number: Alaska, Navajo
- iv. Discussion of not reaching 35% target for establishments selected



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1. Strive for 35% since EH staff should be inspecting those facilities anyway
2. In the unlikely event 35% is not reached should not influence final reporting numbers/trends nationally
3. Recognized limitations like some identified establishments may not be in operation through the reporting period
- v. For the 16-20 Injury Prevention measure, each area should only create one project for tracking and entering seat belt surveillance data; some Areas have created more than one; those with questions please contact Darren as soon as possible.
- vi. Discussion of informing establishments they are a part of the Environmental Surveillance measure so not to bias how a facility would normally respond to inspection findings and recommendations
  1. GP notifying the establishments
  2. PH had not considered it but doesn't think it'll hurt to notify them for transparency re: the relationship with establishment operators
  3. Reminder the application of this measure should not be additional work for DEHS Programs and staff
  4. Standardization of interventions – possibly but standardization may stifle innovation and interventions may need to be novel and flexible for unique of local situations

## 2. COSTEP Update (Stephen Piontkowski and Kelly Taylor)

- a. 17 [narratives posted to DEHS website](#); Kelly sent thank you letters to those students
- b. DCCPR COSTEP applications deadline December, 18 2015 (see Shugart's September, 28 2015 EHOPAC email for details)
- c. Folks are encouraged to recruit 2016 COSTEPs

## 3. Establishment types (David McMahon)

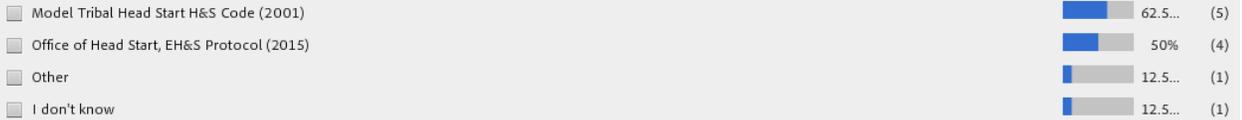
- a. Background – HQ received several calls from Areas re: how to code *Wellness Centers*, and HQ briefly looked at WebEHRS establishments across U.S. noting differences in establishment/facility type coding
- b. Please note there will be a future call to clarify specific establishment types (an ongoing exercise through the years); some establishments to review could be wellness centers, butcher shops, cottage industries, Early Head Start

## 4. eSurvey Checklist Workgroup (David McMahon)

- a. Background – HQ received inquiries from 3 Areas in past 1-2 weeks re: WebEHRS, the Model Head Start Health and Safety Code (2001), and the Office of Head Start Environmental Health and Safety Protocol (2015) which led to discussions of the status of standardized survey checklists in WebEHRS

**b. Conference call poll**

Which of the following references do your staff use for Head Start Surveys?



- i. Verbal answers from those who could not see poll (1 vote for Model Head Start Code (2001); 1 for I don't Know)
- c. This Head Start Code issue illustrates the need to revitalize the eSurvey Checklist Workgroup so DEHS can better utilize WebEHRS and to aid checklist standardization across all DEHS programs
- d. Darren led Phase 1 of the Workgroup
- e. Stephen will lead Phase 2 in early FY16 and provide details in the coming weeks (e.g. scope of work)
- f. Directors please consider staff who may be able to participate in the workgroup (see below list from HQ file)

**E-Survey Workgroup Members**

**Phase 1**

Jamison Honeycutt  
 Sarah Snyder  
 Terrold Menzie  
 Molly Curry  
 Darcy Merchant  
 Martha Maynes

**Phase 2**

Terrold Menzie  
 Molly Curry  
 Riley Grinnell  
 Shawn Blackshear  
 Landon Wiggins  
 Isaac Ampadu  
 Tim Balderrama

**5. DEHS Annual Reports 2014 and 2015 (Stephen Piontkowski)**

- a. 2014
  - i. Stephen is working on that; thanks for all your replies to requests for information
  - ii. Requests will continue in the coming weeks as Stephen finalizes content and needs clarification or high resolution pics
- b. 2015
  - i. As you work on FY transition items/reports please think of project posters to submit on projects related to the 5 DEHS program focus areas and photos
  - ii. Reminder: signed photo release forms are needed for minors, or photos of people in places where privacy is expected (e.g. closed meetings, patient settings); if photos are of IHS or federal employees of people in public settings with no minors picture, no form needed
  - iii. Stephen will begin work on Annual report 2015 in late CY2015

**6. Injury Prevention Program Update (Nancy Bill)**

- a. TIPCAP update



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## i. New awardee list

2015 – 2020 TRIBAL INJURY PREVENTION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM (TIPCAP) AWARDEES

Area	Awardee	Part	Amount
<b>Albuquerque</b>	1. Albuquerque Area Health Board	1	\$100,000
	2. Pueblo of Jemez	2	\$20,000
<b>Alaska</b>	3. Bristol Bay Area Health Corp	2	\$20,000
	4. Ho-Chunk Nation	2	\$20,000
<b>Bemidji</b>	5. Fond du Lac of Lake Superior Chippewa	2	\$20,000
	6. White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians	2	\$20,000
	7. MT WY Tribal EPI Center	1	\$100,000
<b>Billings</b>	8. Blackfeet Tribe	1	\$100,000
	9. Indian Health Council	2	\$20,000
<b>California</b>	10. California Rural Indian Health Board	2	\$20,000
	11. Winnebago Tribe of NE	1	\$88,232
<b>Great Plains</b>	12. Great Plains Tribal Chairmen	2	\$20,000
	13. Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma	1	\$100,000
<b>Oklahoma City</b>	14. Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	2	\$20,000
	15. Wichita and Affiliated Tribe	2	\$20,000
	16. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian	1	\$100,000
<b>Phoenix</b>	17. Washoe Tribe of NV and CA	1	\$99,992
	18. Gila River Indian Community	2	\$20,000
	19. Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	2	\$20,000
	20. Ak-Chin Indian Community	2	\$20,000
	21. Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	2	\$20,000
	22. NW Portland Area Indian Health Board	2	\$20,000
<b>Portland</b>			
<b>Tucson</b>	23. Pascua Yaqui Tribe	2	\$20,000

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- ii. 7 Part I programs
- iii. 16 Part II programs
- iv. 10 sites focusing on motor vehicle prevention
- v. 5 sites focusing fall prevention
- vi. 5 sites focusing combination of issues
- vii. 3 focusing on MV and fall prevention
- viii. 2 sites are tribal epi-centers
- ix. Project officers: thank you for responding to Nancy's requests; 16 assigned to date; some project officers serving Part 1 and Part 2 sites
- x. Challenges: awardees familiarity with Grant Solutions
- xi. Will there be funding available from prior cycle's funding surplus? No
- b. ARC and Fellowship updates
  - i. Thanks to ARC members who submitted reports
  - ii. Current (2015-2016) Epi Fellowship class of 2015 has 6 fellows; field course in Tucson, November 2015; no call for class of 2016

## 7. Institutional Environmental Health Program

- a. Charles Woodlee selected as new IEHO, IHS, HQ; report date early November 2015; formal announcement pending



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## 8. EHS of the Year Workgroup (Kenny Hicks)

- a. Members: Tim, Debra, Martin, Chris
- b. Work complete
- c. Workgroup's recommendations will be sent to Kelly for review today

## 9. Area Reports

- a. Alaska
  - i. Brian Berube, Track Lead, Field EH Program, started in late August 2015
  - ii. George Goodwin III, reports October 2015 as Public Health Prevention Health Associate, CDC, will collaborate with National Tribal Water Center and Health Homes
  - iii. Troy Ritter, TDY to SFC/HQ re: performance measures in September 2015; PCS to CDC in mid-October
  - iv. Looking to backfill Troy (POC: Korie Hickel)
  - v. Anchorage SU, EHS vacancy pending (POC: Jeff Smith)
  - vi. Jeff Smith retiring February 1, 2016; reorganization of EH-ANTHC to occur (portion to remain with DEH&E and Division of Community Health Services)
  - vii. Denman to meet Brubaker and ANTHC
- b. Albuquerque
  - i. 1 COSTEP
  - ii. CPS Tech courses scheduled for October/November 2015
  - iii. SU EHO, Santa Fe, announcement closed
- c. Bemidji
  - i. Working on IAG with EPA R5 on a GS-7/11 position with a work focus on Healthy Homes, Pb assessments, IPM
  - ii. Close to closing SU EHO, Minnesota District Office, GS-7/9/11
- d. Billings
  - i. Training courses: Intro to IP, Browning (April/May 2016); Fundamentals of Safety Management, Claremore (Spring 2016)
  - ii. Richard Turner site visit for safety/IC reviews of 3 hospitals seeking accreditation
  - iii. Staff EHS, Billings Area, GS-7/9 vacancy forthcoming
  - iv. Safety Officer, Crow, vacancy forthcoming
  - v. 4 COSTEPs
- e. California
  - i. Director, DEHS vacancy closed September 23, 2015; interviews shortly
  - ii. DEHS coordinating services with tribes, counties, state, and FEMA in relationship to two large wildfires (Valley and Butte)
  - iii. 1 EHS earned Food Safety Standardization Officer, and will begin working to standardize all CA staff on the 2013 Food Code within the next year



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- iv. Finished Self-Assessment for the Voluntary National Retail Program Standards; a little over 30 items identified to address in future
- v. Presented at FDA Pacific Region Retail Food Safety Conference, Helena, MT, September 23, 2015
- vi. [AFDO Retail Program Standards Grant announcement](#) made if Areas have tribes interested in developing their health departments/programs
- f. Great Plains
  - i. 4 COSTEPs; COSTEP Symposium went well
  - ii. Teaming with Bemidji's upcoming Intro to IP
  - iii. SU EHO vacancy in Pierre forthcoming
- g. Nashville – *not on call*
- h. Navajo
  - i. Chris Martin, SU EHO, Crownpoint, selected
  - ii. Minnie Yazzie and Maurice Benally retired; GS-5/7/9 vacancy announcements forthcoming
- i. Oklahoma
  - i. Lauren Ike, SU EHO, Pawnee, selected
  - ii. DEHS leadership met ASPR R6 and Oklahoma Emergency Managers
  - iii. Intro to IP, Oklahoma (January 26-29, 2016) alongside Tribal Technical Assistance Program, Oklahoma State University
  - iv. DEHS leadership met East Central University re: internships at neighboring Shawnee other than COSTEPs
- j. Phoenix
  - i. Arbovirus Surveillance: This summer, DEHS at multiple AZ locations partnered with tribal, state, and county staff in arbovirus surveillance activities as a result of increased concerns associated with WNV, dengue, and chikungunya virus
  - ii. RMSF Prevention: DEHS staff continued to support ongoing RMSF prevention campaigns, including an upcoming October 2015 campaign in San Carlos (dog collaring, pesticide application, community education) along with community education re: WNV prevention and mosquito control
  - iii. TIPCAP: DEHS staff actively involved in closing-out ending TIPCAP sites and working on kick-off activities for new sites; several ending sites to self-fund their IP programs
  - iv. Intro to IP, Reno (February/March 2016)
  - v. Pathways-New Graduate Program: Recent recruit activity for seven GS-7/9 EHS (0601 series) closed; resulted in 147 applications, 12 qualified for considerations, and 6 hired (1-San Carlos, AZ; 1-Parker, AZ; 2-Tempe, AZ; 1-Reno, NV; 1-Fort Duchesne, UT); of the 6 hired, 5 have advanced degree (MS or MPH in Env Health); new hires report to duty between November 01 and December 31, 2015; forthcoming additional Pathways-New Graduate announcement for two additional positions (Elko, NV and Yuma, AZ)



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- k. Portland
  - i. Entry level position dedicated to providing Community EH Assessments pending
  - ii. Pending IAG with U.S. EPA focused on IPM
  - iii. Pending project in CY2015: IAG with U.S. EPA re: environmental contaminants and risk of exposure in child care settings
  - iv. Applying for Medicaid reimbursement from Washington state for environmental interventions conducted during home visit re: asthma
  - v. Capacity building pilot project
  - vi. DEHS working with ACF and state re: Head Start EH&S standards
  - vii. 1 EHS earning FDA inspection standardization
  - viii. Wildfire response
- l. Tucson
  - i. IP Fellowship Field Course, Tucson, November 2015
  - ii. Intro to IP, Tucson (January 2016)
  - iii. Intermediate IP, Tucson (February 2016)
  - iv. Rocky Mountain spotted fever response and prevention
  - v. WNV, dengue, and chikungunya virus education ongoing
  - vi. \$800,000 in HUD funds to 2 communities for mold remediation
- m. EHSC
  - i. Fundamentals of Safety Management, Claremore (November 16-20, 2015) – confirmed
  - ii. Intro to IP, Bemidji (December 1-4, 2015) – confirmed
  - iii. Intro to IP, Albuquerque (December 8-11, 2015) – confirmed
  - iv. Intro to IP, Oklahoma (January 26-29, 2016) – confirmed
  - v. Emergency Management and Security in IHS Facilities, Albuquerque (January 11-15, 2016)
  - vi. Intro to IP, Tucson (January 2016)
  - vii. Intermediate IP, Tucson (February 2016)
  - viii. Intro to IP, Reno (February/March 2016)
  - ix. Intro to IP, Browning (April/May 2016)
  - x. Exploring options to host *Play Safe, Sanitary Survey, and Life Safety* courses

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