

DEHS Directors' Meeting: 06/09/16

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

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

1. DEHS Directors' Meeting Record of Decisions Status (Stephen Piontkowski)

a. Complete

- i. By 08 April Darren will ensure Area contacts enabled to receive status reports
 1. Performance Measures status reports are available to all Area WebEHRS contacts in Discoverer
 2. No one on the call has accessed the reports yet; folks having trouble logging into Discover should contact CDP's help desk
- ii. Area's send your WebEHRS guidelines to Dave
 1. If anyone has guidelines they did not share please submit to Dave
- iii. Nancy will take this [IP Fellowship] input to IP Specialists at their May meeting

b. Reminders/Incomplete

- i. DEHS Directors encouraged to be at any compacting negotiations with tribes
- ii. DEHS Directors develop relationships w/ IHS lead negotiators to ensure they understand DEHS
- iii. By this summer Bemidji/HQ develop a position/best practices presentation/statement/paper for the Information Systems Advisory Council (ISAC) that mentions other future OPDIV needs relative to field use of notebooks, tablets, etc. (SFC, facilities, patient care)
 1. This was the item related to Bemidji's use of a mobile system



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- iv. Areas ensure parent child relationships for gaming establishments are updated in WebEHRS; elevate concern that DEHS programs are often implicated in gaming compacts as PH authority which is incorrect; inquire w/ OGC if this is legal
 - 1. There was concern re: not being able to establish all these relationships for the 638 tribes; do the best you can
 - 2. A benefit to establishing these relationships is to demonstrate the number of additional establishments (e.g. food, pool/spa, child care) that come with gaming facilities
 - 3. Please update these relationships by September 1, 2016

2. Performance Measures (David McMahon)

a. 2016-2020 Measures

- i. Please ensure progress on the *Environmental Surveillance and Injury Intervention Performance Measures*
- ii. See tables below and attached to Adobe Connect (PDF files available at <http://ihs.adobeconnect.com/p3x4yiaf4xd/>); data retrieved June 8, 2016
- iii. Is this capturing the actual number of surveys for the Environmental Surveillance Performance Measure?
 - 1. Discussion clarified the ES Performance Measure guidance document that states there should be two routine surveys conduct of a facility per year
 - 2. Therefore, with a total of 223 target establishments we should have 446 surveys by the end of the performance measure reporting period (August 31, 2016)
 - 3. Please ensure two surveys are conducted per year
 - 4. HQ will only look at data entered prior to August 31, 2016 for FY16 to ensure there is adequate time for them to prepare the budget report; it was acknowledged such a data query will not include an entire month's of survey work
- iv. Please ensure observational surveys are conducted for the IP Performance Measure by August 31, 2016



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Completed and Remaining Surveys by Area

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

	Surveys Completed	Target Establishments	Remaining Surveys	Percent Remaining
ALASKA	0	7	7	100%
ALBUQUERQUE	11	15	4	27%
BEMIDJI	18	19	1	5%
BILLINGS	2	8	6	75%
CALIFORNIA	6	15	9	60%
GREAT PLAINS	25	24	-1	-4%
NASHVILLE	2	5	3	60%
NAVAJO	57	60	3	5%
OKLAHOMA	18	25	7	28%
PHOENIX	12	26	14	54%
PORTLAND	12	14	2	14%
TUCSON	4	5	1	20%
	167	223	56	25%

Percent of Observations Out of Compliance

Survey FY : FY 2016

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

Survey FY FY 2016

	Observations Marked as Out of Compliance	Observations Marked as In Compliance	Number of Potential Observations (IN + OUT)	Percent of Observations Out of Compliance
ALBUQUERQUE	5	78	83	6.0%
BEMIDJI	1	131	132	0.8%
BILLINGS	0	14	14	0.0%
CALIFORNIA	3	40	43	7.0%
GREAT PLAINS	3	190	193	1.6%
NASHVILLE	0	14	14	0.0%
NAVAJO	28	239	267	10.5%
OKLAHOMA	8	133	141	5.7%
PHOENIX	11	84	95	11.6%
PORTLAND	0	96	96	0.0%
TUCSON	1	31	32	3.1%
National Totals	60	1,050	1,110	5.4%

Area Projects and Surveillance Results Fiscal Year : FY 2016

Fiscal Year FY 2016				
Area	Project Description	Surveillance Date	Surveillance Comments	% Drivers Wearing Seat Belts
HQE	Injury prevention project for tracking number of drivers wearing seatbelts. Part of the 2016-2020 Performance Measure. The community chosen is the Twinbrook area of Rockville Maryland. Target area will specifically be the intersection of Chapman Ave. and Bouic Ave.	10/01/2015	blah blah blah	39%
		03/01/2016	Observed drivers starting at noon for 3 1/2 hours. There were more dogs wearing seatbelts than there were drivers.	14%
				Area Average: 27%
NAVAJO	The communities that will be targeted are Navajo (NM) and Ganado (AZ).	05/25/2016	This observational survey was in Navajo, New Mexico, in the southbound direction on May 25, 2016. The survey was conducted by Charlene Nelson for one hour at 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM.	64%
				Area Average: 64%
OKLAHOMA	Community of Apache, OK	03/29/2016	3/3/2016: Apache 4way, northbound traffic. 7:30-8:00. Road type: principal Conditions: dry Total Drivers: 51 Belted Drivers: 33 3/3/2016: Apache 4way, southbound traffic. 7:30-8:00. Road type: principal Conditions: dry Total Drivers: 72 Belted Drivers: 52 3/4/2016: Apache High School entrance. 7:30-8:00. Road Type: minor Conditions: dry Total Drivers: 6 Belted Drivers: 3	68%
				Area Average: 68%
				National Average: 46%

3. Environmental Health Specialist of the Year Award Criteria (David McMahon)

- a. Background: criteria revised by workgroup in CY2015, then the criteria was modified by DEHS Directors during a special call (January 28, 2016); one criteria item was left unresolved (*RS/REHS-in training* as a professional credential or technical certification)
- b. As a result of today's call *RS/REHS-in training* to be recognized as a technical certification and the first element of the professionalism scoring criteria will appear as follows:

PROFESSIONALISM (Max. Points: 30)	
The degree to which the nominee demonstrates commitment to professional development and promoting the environmental health profession.	
Professional Credential (10 points max.)	Sub-Total
Nominee holds a current professional credential of RS/REHS.	
No = 0 points Yes = 10 points	
Technical Certifications (5 points max.)	Sub-Total
Nominee maintains technical competencies through completion of one or more advanced training/certification programs.	
Examples: Certified Industrial Hygienist, Certified Safety Professional, Child Passenger Safety Technician, Certified Pool Operator, Certified Pool Inspector, IHS Injury Prevention Fellowship, IHS Institutional Environmental Health Residency, Food Protection Manager Certification, and RS/REHS-in Training (indicates nominee passed RS/REHS exam and needs required work experience).	
0 to 5 points based on number and complexity of certifications.	

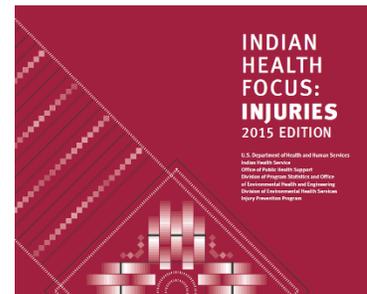
- c. The EHSOTY Criteria is now finalized and this new criteria will be used for selecting the 2016 Specialist of the Year

4. Injury Prevention Program Update (Nancy Bill)

- a. Project officer training April 19, 2016; Rockville, MD; provided by [Management Concepts](#)

Alaska	CDR Kevin Bingley	Part II
Albuquerque	Jerry Lee	Part I, II
California	Carolyn Garcia	Part II
Great Plains	Bobbi Peltier	Part I, II
Oklahoma	Katie Tompkins	Part I
Oklahoma	James Isaacs	Part I
Phoenix	CDR Robert Morones	Part I, II
Phoenix	Jason Hymer	Part I, II

- 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
- i. Special recognition of Dr. Larry Berger who will retire on July 31, 2016
- e. BIA Indian Highway Safety Grants and CPS funds
- i. Nancy will email announcements
- f. TIPCAP non-competing continuation applications for year 2 due May 3, 2016
- i. NOA expected August 2016
- g. *IHS Injury Focus Report 2015 Edition* currently being reviewed by IHS leadership





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5. IEH Program Update (Charles Woodlee)

- a. WebCident to be managed by OIT and OCPS and replaced with a *commercial of-the-shelf* system; Statement of Work finalized and will be issued as an RFI first before being sent out for bid; unsure when new contract will be in place; changes reflect WebCident's expanded use from an IHS occupational injury reporting system to an occupational and patient injury reporting system

6. Area Reports

a. Alaska

- i. COSTEP update
 1. No COSTEPs/externs this year
- ii. Zika update since end of May 2016
 1. None
- iii. Mike Brubaker, ANTHC, introduced himself
- iv. Vectorborne diseases:
 1. AK conducting a new tick monitoring program
 2. Zoonotic disease monitoring program between ANTHC & US EPA uses test strip methodology to provide test strips to hunters so they can take samples for zoonotic disease analysis
 3. ANTHC active with One Health associated with CDC's Arctic Investigations Program; quarterly webinars occur
- v. Algal bloom study to determine health impacts pending

b. Albuquerque

- i. COSTEP update
 1. CAD June 6
- ii. Zika update since end of May 2016
 1. None
- iii. SU EHO, Albuquerque, announcement to be re-advertised
- iv. SU EHO, Zuni, announcement pending
- v. DEHO, Albuquerque, to report July 18
- vi. IP Program reorg: decentralized with Jerry doing some general EH work and DEHOs doing more IP work within their Districts; contact Deb if you have IP questions and she will direct you to the most appropriate person
- vii. [Model Aquatic Health Code](#): IHS will use this as guidance document; new eSurvey in WebEHRS will be based on MAHC [checklist](#) ([checklist cheat sheet](#) also available)



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- c. Bemidji
 - i. COSTEP update
 - 1. Three of four COSTEPs reported; Olivia had boarding issues
 - 2. Tim to email HQ actual CADs and Relieved from Duty Dates
 - ii. Zika update since end of May 2016
 - 1. None
 - iii. Healthy Homes Environmental Health Specialist: Pathways announcement via US EPA IAG
 - iv. Shelby Foerg completed USPHS Officer Basic Course
 - v. Rad Safety Program: looks like a state radiation safety program and aligns with DEHS providing technical oversight without being a medical physicists
- d. Billings
 - i. COSTEP update
 - 1. One arrived and another to report next week as scheduled
 - ii. Zika update since end of May 2016
 - 1. None
- e. California
 - i. COSTEP update
 - 1. One COSTEP in Reading, CA
 - 2. Two Externs in Sacramento, CA
 - ii. Zika update since end of May 2016
 - 1. Met UC Davis Vectorborne Disease Control Center and learned of some surveillance projects going on between a few tribes and the Center
 - iii. IP Performance Measures complete; entry into WebEHRS pending
- f. Great Plains
 - i. COSTEP update
 - 1. Trent arrived May 24 and Nicholas arrived May 23, 2016
 - ii. Zika update since end of May 2016
 - 1. None
 - iii. SU EHO, Pierre (GS-7/9/11), re-announcement soon via Pathways
 - iv. IP Specialist position may be announced soon; Bobby transferring to Behavioral Health soon
 - v. SU EHO, Turtle Mountain SU, Belcourt, ND, announcement closed June 7, 2016
- g. Nashville – *no report*
- h. Navajo
 - i. COSTEP update
 - 1. Two COSTEPs reported June 6, one reported on May 27, and one on May 17, 2016
 - ii. Zika update since end of May 2016
 - 1. Attended Arizona action planning summit on May 24, 2016
 - iii. DEHO, Fort Defiance District announcement forthcoming
 - iv. SU EHO (based in Area office) announcement forthcoming



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- i. Oklahoma
 - i. COSTEP update
 - 1. Rachel reported June 3 and Meghan reported May 31, 2016
 - ii. Zika update since end of May 2016
 - 1. None
 - iii. Oklahoma Red Cross: donated 250 smoke alarms to Lawton SU who are trying to install them in the homes of Head Start students; 150 installed to date
 - iv. CPS: car seat check event with Safe Kids Coalition on May 7, 2016 at Citizen Potawatomi; ~15 car seats distributed
 - v. Working to develop new IP/EH position based in Area office
- j. Phoenix
 - i. COSTEP update
 - 1. Shelby reported on June 1, Tara reported on June 6, and Anika to report June 13, 2016
 - 2. Symposium scheduled for August 2, 2016
 - ii. Zika update since end of May 2016
 - 1. Zika and WNV: mosquito trapping starting at many PHX Area locations; speciation and WNV testing conducted at onsite DEHS field lab (Parker, AZ) or through county or state labs; *Aedes* is widespread in AZ; test results of IHS collected samples are included in state reporting/surveillance; positive samples trigger community education and prevention actions (including fogging where such capacity exists)
 - 2. Zika: EPA Region IX Tribal Section, Land Division (Laura Ebbert, Bridget Coyle, Mariela L. Lopez) recently contacted PHX Area Director's Office with interest in potentially contributing resources re: RMSF and Zika prevention efforts; DEHS will meet in person with the EPA staff on June 29, 2016 to learn more about the EPA resources
 - 3. RMSF: Ongoing education and prevention campaigns at San Carlos and White Mountain Apache. Campaigns include community education, residential pesticide applications, spay & neuter clinics, animal control, and dog collaring. Have also incorporated mosquito control education during RMSF home visits; RMSF partnerships are ongoing with CDC, ADHS, and county participation.
 - iii. OEHE Workshop highlights (May 17-20, 2016, DEHS session May 18-20)
 - 1. Foodborne Illness Outbreak Investigation Training: 3-hour session of fundamentals by Arizona Dept. of Health Services; lessons learned from recent PHX outbreaks; and next steps; we'll be working on developing better tools (guidance documents) for our staff to utilize for future outbreaks



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2. Playground Safety Training: one full day of the EHSC sponsored training; instructor was knowledgeable and enthusiastic; course content had a disproportionate amount of “why playground safety is important” and not enough “how to assess playground safety;” playground site visit and hands-on assessment was a highlight
 3. Personal Safety and Security training for staff: tribal police officer present to staff some important personal safety considerations when conducting field work, including such topics as approaching a home, communications, de-escalation techniques; we will develop formal guidance to incorporate in our employee orientation materials
 - iv. Intro or Intermediate IP Course December 6-8, 2016 hosted by Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community in Phoenix-metro Area
 - v. No Texting-Driving Law: Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community passed “no texting and driving” law; first tribal community to pass such a law; \$50 for the initial fine and \$100 for each one after
 - vi. Staffing
 1. New Hires via Pathways (* = former IHS COSTEP): Rebekah Abangan*, San Carlos SU; Stephanie Bridges*, Whiteriver SU; Patrick Brown, Elko Service Unit (Elko, NV), Francis Park* (Reno, NV), Kathryn Pink (Yuma, AZ)
 2. Farewells: Kelsey Hustedt from Whiteriver, AZ to FDA, Seattle; Christopher Bishop from Whiteriver to County Health Dept. in Maine; Ricardo Murga from Phoenix, AZ to IHS, Billings
 3. Forthcoming: GS-11 EHS, Tempe, AZ (conducting interviews); Whiteriver GS-11 EHS (conducting interviews)
- k. Portland
- i. COSTEP update
 1. None, but one extern reported June 6, 2016
 - ii. Zika update since end of May 2016
 1. None
 - iii. [Cascadia Rising 2016](#): will focus on responding to impacts in Oregon and Washington; DEHS, all Oregon tribes, and some Washington tribes participating in this exercise
 - iv. IEH: Mathew developing a risk management and assessment tool for SUs to report specific IEH-related topics, objectives, and indicators to governing boards
 - v. Tribal Gaming Commissions: assisting them to self-monitor and meet regulatory responsibilities through audits and inspections; requested specific FDA courses for FY17
 - vi. Tribal EH Capacity Building Tool Kit: ongoing



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- vii. EH referrals: continue to develop EH referral system through clinics; project sites are Yakama (home visiting program), and Seattle Indian Health Board, with potential to expand to Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla
 - viii. Pediatric EH Specialty Unit (Univ. of Washington Harborview Medical Center): met them to prepare the Unit who will present to the Area medical directors in October 2016; determine if injuries can be incorporated
 - ix. Community EH Assessments: to conduct of Shoshone Bannock Tribe (tribal resolution in place) and Nez Perce Tribe
 - x. EPA IAGs: IPM and childcare center environmental sampling ongoing
 - xi. Celeste may need to serve as an Acting CEO at an PO Area SU
- I. Tucson
- i. COSTEP update
 - 1. None
 - ii. Zika update since end of May 2016
 - 1. Mosquito trapping ongoing
 - 2. 1500 brochures distributed
 - 3. DEHS now has RAMP kit
 - 4. Canine sero-survey and tick collection in concert with annual rabies clinics
 - iii. Playground Safety Course: complete; could use more hands-on during the course
 - iv. 638: effective July 1, 2016; DEHS likely to be implicated; MOA/IPAs available to employees
- m. EHSC
- i. COSTEP update
 - 1. COSTEP assigned but they were disqualified
 - ii. Zika update since end of May 2016
 - 1. NA
 - iii. Playground Safety: June 14, 2016; Albuquerque, NM
 - iv. Playground Safety: July 20, 2016; Billings, MT
 - v. Playground Safety: August 9, 2016; Portland, OR



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7. Other

- a. CDC Zika Response Plan to be released soon
- b. Three PHS Commissioned Officers who work with IHS/Tribes received three of the five Environmental Health Professional Advisory Committee 2016 awards



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