



# Environmental Health Services

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## DEHS Directors' Meeting: 02/01/18

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Next conference call April 05, 2018 1:00-2:30PM ET

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

### 1. Welcome (David McMahon)

- a. Charles Woodlee on 2 week TDY at Gallup Indian Medical Center assisting with IEH services; then instructing at Fundamentals of Safety Management course in Phoenix
- b. Collaborations with other federal agencies
  - i. BIE: Met Indian Affairs officials to discuss DEHS and IA's work in BIE schools
    1. DEHS/HQ will share with Area DEHS Directors, BIE safety officer contact information and BIE's inspection schedule
    2. DEHS and BIE exploring a document (e.g. 'letter of cooperation') describing each groups' services in an effort to clearly determine role, responsibilities, and partnerships
    3. Area DEHS programs are encouraged to reach out to their respective regional BIE health and safety staff everyone understands what services DEHS and BIE provide, share information, prevent the duplication of services, and ensure service gaps are filled; Phoenix Area did this and thought it was very beneficial to all involved
  - ii. ACF/Head Start: work continues to develop a joint-agency survey checklist that should be distributed in early spring 2018
  - iii. FDA Retail Food Protection Program: planning initial meeting
- c. No changes to DEHS HQ staffing
  - i. RADM Kelly Taylor, Acting Chief of Staff, IHS
  - ii. David McMahon, Acting Director, DEHS, IHS

## **2. Performance Measures Update (David McMahon)**

### a. 2016-2020 Measures

- i. FY18 *Environmental Surveillance Performance Measure* – conduct an interim assessment of poor employee health and hygiene foodborne illness risk factors to determine effectiveness of interventions and adjust interventions based on interim findings; see *Environmental Surveillance Performance Measure* reports (3a, 3b, 3c, 3d) in WebEHRS ‘reports’ menu to track status
- ii. FY18 *Injury Surveillance Performance Measure* – measure interim seat belt use to determine effectiveness of interventions. Propose adjustments to interventions based on interim driver seat belt use findings

## **3. COSTEPs (Stephen Piontkowski)**

### a. 2018

- i. Open application window closed October 13, 2017
- ii. 29 applications received by DCCPR
- iii. 25 COSTEPs requested by Areas
- iv. Selections at DCCPR – December 11-15, 2017
- v. COSTEP files to Areas by December 29, 2017
- vi. 1662s from Areas to DCCPR – March 02, 2018 (you do not need to share 1662s with Stephen)
- vii. See *COSTEP Application Timeline 2017-2018* for details
- viii. Once finalized, please share w Stephen your COSTEPs'
  1. Final COSTEP selectees’ names
  2. Duty station
  3. Preceptor
  4. Projected CAD
  5. Relieved from Duty Date
- ix. COSTEP application pool was ‘shallow’ this year and there were fewer ‘traditional’ EH students than previous years; contact Stephen if you wish to discuss why you received your selected COSTEP
- x. Stephen plans to share COSTEP processing status as we move forward over the next few months

## **4. DEHS National Directors’ Meeting Follow-up (David McMahon)**

- a. Record of Decision and Action Items (see updated handout titled *Record of Decision - Follow-up Items*); majority of items closed

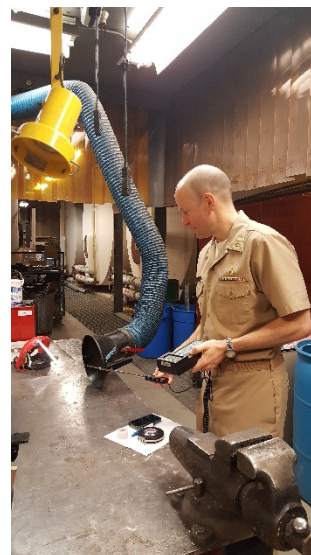
## **5. DEHS Directors’ Meeting 2018**

- a. SurveyMonkey Results
  - i. Date: June 12-14, 2018
  - ii. Location: Albuquerque, NM
  - iii. Venue: TBD
- b. Protégées invited

- c. Planning committee (David, Danny, Kenny, Stephen) will gather next week

**6. Annual Report 2017 Info Requests**

- a. Photo Contest
  - i. Due to HQ 29 December 2017
  - ii. Winner (right): CDR Michael Box in March 2017 testing welding exhaust ventilation at the Alaska Native Medical Center was taken by Lore' Olson, Safety & Environmental Health Officer
- b. Staffing Numbers
  - i. Due to HQ 29 December 2017
- c. EH Specialist of 2017
  - i. Due to HQ 19 January 2018
  - ii. Scores due to HQ 05 February 2018
  - iii. Send high resolution head shot to Stephen
- d. Project Posters
  - i. Due to HQ 26 January 2018
  - ii. 4 Areas have submitted
- e. FYI – DEHS HQ began preparing Annual Report 2017



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

- a. CDC position
  - i. Jason Hymer reported to duty
- b. IPS Annual Meeting
  - i. March 6-8, 2018
  - ii. Location: Albuquerque, NM
  - iii. Day 1 for federal staff; day 2 for federal and tribal staff
- c. 2018 TIPCAP Workshop
  - i. April 18-19, 2017
  - ii. Rockville, MD
  - iii. Project Officer training: April 17, 2017; Rockville, MD
- d. TIPCAP FY 2017-2020
  - i. Part II Non-competing applications GS due March 2, 2018
  - ii. Webinar: February 08, 2018, 2:00 p.m. ET
- e. TIPCAP FY 2015-2020
  - i. Part I, II Non-competing applications GS due May 5, 2018
- f. [TIPCAP Guide 2017-2018](#) distributed
- g. IP call was January 29, 2018

**8. IEH Program Update (David McMahon)**

- a. 2017 Gary J. Gefroh Safety and Health Award
  - i. Call for nominations
  - ii. Nominations due to Charles by February 09, 2018



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## 9. WebEHRS Update (Stephen Piontkowski/Mike Reed)

- a. WebEHRS Virtual Training Session
  - i. Frequency (FY18): Quarterly, 2nd Wednesday of month, 1:00 p.m. ET
  - ii. March 14, 2018
  - iii. [Register here with EHSC](#)
- b. Change Control Board
  - i. January call occurred today
  - ii. 76 feedback items left to resolve
  - iii. Another round of changes to be live in summer 2018
  - iv. Call for volunteers to be on CCB (March 2018)
- c. Data Quality
  - i. This is ongoing initiative to improve WebEHRS data
  - ii. Areas will need to verify Title I/V status in WebEHRS
  - iii. Areas will need to change establishments noted as “\_unk\_” by March 15
  - iv. Details TBA from Mike via email to each Area DEHS Director

## 10. DEHS EHO Deployments – Hurricane Response 2017/2018

<b>Alaska</b> Mark Strauss – Hurricane Harvey, Texas Chris Fish - Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico	<b>Oklahoma City</b> David Bales – Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico
<b>Bemidji</b> Tim Taylor – Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico	<b>Phoenix</b> Jason Hymer – Hurricane Harvey, Texas Adam Mannarino – Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico
<b>Nashville</b> Kit Grosch – Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico Charles Craig – Hurricane Maria, US Virgin Islands	<b>HQ</b> Mike Reed – Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico
<b>Navajo</b> Tim Denherder – Hurricane Harvey, Texas	

## 11. Area Reports

- a. Alaska
  - i. ANTHC (Mike Brubaker)
    - 1. Tribal EH Coalition Quarterly meetings; next one in February
    - 2. Compact team created and meeting quarterly; creating record of services and communications with IHS; next meeting in February
    - 3. Staffing
      - a. Michael Box new Director, IEH
      - b. Keith Cook new Hospital Safety Manager, Alaska Native Medical Center



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4. Alaska [Native] EH Staffing Inventory updated
  - a. 80 EH professionals working in Native communities across Alaska (includes all funding sources)
5. Tribal Health Network updated
6. Vacancy announcement open for Director, Environmental Health, Norton Sound Health Corporation (Kevin Zweifel retired)
7. Quarterly *One Health* meeting (January 2018): hot topic was emerging zoonotic disease in sea mammals
- ii. WebEHRS data quality initiative ongoing
  1. Improving designation of 'communities'
  2. ANTHC use of system enhanced
- b. Albuquerque
  - i. Staffing
    1. Jeff Dickson and Gary Carter transferred from Area to EHSC; this two vacancy announcements forthcoming
    2. Three vacancy announcements forthcoming
  - ii. Lay Vaccinator Program on-going (two training videos recorded; online course development ongoing)
  - iii. National Manufactured Food Alliance Conference in Albuquerque this week
    1. Advanced training on this topic is available
  - iv. DEHS staff will join New Mexico rapid response team
  - v. National food project materials being developed
  - vi. Hosting 1 COSTEP
  - vii. Deb presented OEHE Leadership Personal Development webinar introducing the "leading self" model (70 webinar participants)
    1. "Leading others" webinar later today
  - viii. Brian and Gary continuing to work on dashboards
  - ix. Brian instructing at Fundamentals of Safety Management course in Phoenix
- c. Bemidji
  - i. Staffing
    1. Tim Duffy remains Acting Director, Area OEHE; announcement forthcoming
    2. Senior EHS position to become vacant soon
  - ii. Tim Taylor has upcoming 30 day deployment to Pine Ridge Hospital to assist their safety program
  - iii. Partnering to host CDC Infection Control Courses somewhere in Bemidji Area, July 2018
- d. Billings
  - i. Area EH program evaluation to occur in 2018 to support strategic planning and program planning





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- ii. Staffing
  - 1. Flathead SU: vacancy announcement forthcoming (Compacted Tribe)
  - 2. EHO, Wind River SU, announcement forthcoming via Pathways
  - 3. Area IPS, announcement forthcoming
  - 4. Hosting 1 COSTEP
- iii. Ricardo Murga, IEHO, providing great deal of TA to hospital safety officers
- e. California – *Not of call*
- f. Great Plains
  - i. Staffing
    - 1. Greg Calvert selected as Area IEHO
    - 2. Tim Wildcat, selected as Area IPS
    - 3. Justin Bunn, Staff EH Specialist, Sioux City (hired via Pathways, was OKC Area COSTEP 2017)
    - 4. DEHO, Sioux City, vacancy announcement closes February 10
  - ii. Thanks to all the Areas who have sent their staff to GPA to assist with various safety programs
  - iii. Rabies response: 1 rapid puppy; puppy brought from off-reservation location
  - iv. Safety Officers calls: a new initiative for CY2018
  - v. WebCident: Charles helped with patient safety webinars for WebCident users (thank you)
  - vi. Area Workshop scheduled for March 2018
- g. Nashville – *No report*
- h. Navajo – *Not of call*
- i. Oklahoma
  - i. David Bales instructing at Introduction to IP course, Phoenix
  - ii. National Shooting Sports Foundation: Oklahoma City was one of three cities awarded to promote responsible fire arm storage and use; DEHS staff able to work with Foundation to ensure regional tribes receive services
  - iii. Zero Suicide Grant awarded: David Bales worked with Lawton SU to receive \$2 million over three years; 4+ positions funded and positions currently being filled (e.g Social Worker)
  - iv. Dental Sterilization course to be offered at Area Office this summer
  - v. Hosting 1 COSTEP at Pawnee SU this summer
  - vi. CDC Infection Control Course: February 06-07, 2018; Oklahoma City, OK
- j. Phoenix
  - i. Introduction to IP course: January 30-February 01, 2018; co-hosting with Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community



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- ii. Staffing
  - 1. Area IP Specialist: Rob Morones selected; effective date February 05
  - 2. Reno District IP Specialist: Jason Hymer new CDC/IHS IP Liaison; effective date January 31
  - 3. Vacancy announcements forthcoming
    - a. District IP Coordinator, Reno
    - b. District IP Coordinator, Tempe
    - c. SU EHO, Hopi
    - d. SU EHO, Reno
    - e. SU EHO, Ft. Duchesne
  - 4. COSTEPs: completed interviews; plan to select 5 for assignment; formal selection notifications to be made in next few business days
- iii. Preparing to host Fundamentals of Safety Management: February 12-16, 2018; Phoenix, AZ
- iv. BIE School Safety Audit program
  - 1. Met with BIA Western Region Health and Safety Manager, Vanessa Duncan
  - 2. They are greatly understaffed (she's a one person program), performs quality assessments of schools (and jails) with an OSHA focus
  - 3. Lots of interest in working to collaborate with our program and field staff
- k. Portland – *Not of call*
- l. Tucson
  - i. Annual spay/neuter clinics Pasque Yaqui
    - 1. Partnering with local DOD services
    - 2. Will include micro-chipping pilot in 2018
  - ii. Assisting Pasque Yaqui receive for Public Health Accreditation
  - iii. Area OEHE Director retired in December; Martin is Acting Director
  - iv. Hosting 1 COSTEP this summer
- m. EHSC
  - i. Jeff Dickson reported as Director, EHSC
  - ii. Gary Carter selected as IEHO
  - iii. New [EHSC Website](#) launched
  - iv. CDC Infection Control Courses
    - 1. December 12-14, 2017; Albuquerque, NM (81 attendees)
    - 2. January 23-24, 2017; Portland, OR (canceled due to gov't shut down; 84 were registered; rescheduled to June 6-7, 2018 at same venue)
    - 3. February 06-07, 2018; Oklahoma City, OK
    - 4. February 27-28, 2018; Phoenix



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- v. OEHE Leadership and Personal Development Webinars
  - 1. Leading Self
  - 2. Leading Others: February 01, 2018
- vi. SNAP: January 18, 2018; Hopi, AZ
- vii. Introduction to IP course: January 30-February 01, 2018; co-hosted with Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
- viii. Fundamentals of Safety Management: February 12-16, 2018; Phoenix, AZ
- ix. WebEHRS Virtual Training Session: March 14, 2018
- x. Healthcare Safety Accreditation: March 20-22, 2018; Billings, MT
- xi. Healthcare Safety Accreditation: April 10-12, 2018; Phoenix, AZ
- xii. General Fire Protection - NFPA: March 22-23, 2018; Rapid City, SD (attached to Great Plains Area Workshop)
- xiii. NFPA: Oklahoma City Area; spring 2018

## 12. Other

- a. None

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