

DEHS Directors' Meeting: 04/06/17

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Next meeting June 01, 2017 1:00-2:30PM ET

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| Alaska: | Denman Ondelacy | Nashville: | Kit Grosch |
| ANTHC: | Mike Brubaker | Navajo: | Gordon Tsatoke |
| Albuquerque: | Debra Grabowski | Oklahoma: | <i>Not on call</i> |
| Bemidji: | Tim Duffy | Phoenix: | Kenny Hicks |
| Billings: | Darcy Merchant | Portland: | Shawn Blackshear |
| California: | <i>Not on call</i> | Tucson: | <i>Not on call</i> |
| Great Plains: | Chris Allen | | |
| Environmental Health Support Center: Angela Hodge | | | |
| Rockville: David McMahon, Nancy Bill, Charles Woodlee, Mike Reed, Stephen Piontkowski | | | |

1. Welcome (David McMahon)

- a. No changes to DEHS staffing
 - i. RADM Kelly Taylor, Acting Chief of Staff, IHS
 - ii. David McMahon, Acting Director, DEHS, IHS

2. Awards

- a. EH Specialist of 2016 Mike Reed; [IHS blog post](#)
- b. Gary J. Gefroh Safety & Health Awardee selected from four nominees and announcement forthcoming





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3. Performance Measures Update (David McMahon)

a. 2016-2020 Measures

- i. *Environmental Surveillance and Injury Intervention Performance Measures* – FY17 implementing and reporting interventions
- ii. PM reporting guideline briefly reviewed, shared on previous call, and attached to this Adobe Connect meeting (Docx file available at <https://ihs.adobeconnect.com/p4cdsv1qol8/>)
- iii. No interventions reported to date
- iv. FY17 reporting deadline August 31, 2017
- v. FY16 and FY17 surveys reported to date in tables below

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

| FY 2016 | | | | FY 2017 | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| | Observations Marked Out of Compliance | Observations Marked In Compliance | # of Potential Observations (IN + OUT) | % Out of Compliance | | Observations Marked Out of Compliance | Observations Marked In Compliance | # of Potential Observations (IN + OUT) | % Out of Compliance |
| ALBUQUERQUE | 9 | 128 | 137 | 6.6% | ALBUQUERQUE | 10 | 64 | 74 | 13.5% |
| BEMIDJI | 1 | 218 | 219 | 0.5% | BEMIDJI | 0 | 80 | 80 | 0.0% |
| BILLINGS | 0 | 34 | 34 | 0.0% | BILLINGS | 0 | 31 | 31 | 0.0% |
| CALIFORNIA | 6 | 89 | 95 | 6.3% | CALIFORNIA | 0 | 8 | 8 | 0.0% |
| GREAT PLAINS | 3 | 254 | 257 | 1.2% | GREAT PLAINS | 5 | 98 | 103 | 4.9% |
| NASHVILLE | 1 | 32 | 33 | 3.0% | NASHVILLE | 0 | 8 | 8 | 0.0% |
| NAVAJO | 30 | 301 | 331 | 9.1% | NAVAJO | 13 | 161 | 174 | 7.5% |
| OKLAHOMA | 17 | 255 | 272 | 6.3% | OKLAHOMA | 1 | 114 | 115 | 0.9% |
| PHOENIX | 22 | 202 | 224 | 9.8% | PHOENIX | 9 | 91 | 100 | 9.0% |
| PORTLAND | 1 | 143 | 144 | 0.7% | PORTLAND | 0 | 40 | 40 | 0.0% |
| TUCSON | 1 | 31 | 32 | 3.1% | TUCSON | 0 | 8 | 8 | 0.0% |
| National Totals | 91 | 1,687 | 1,778 | 5.1% | National Totals | 38 | 703 | 741 | 5.1% |

Note: Areas without any completed surveys will not appear in the list

4. Operational Model – Operational Plan Concept (David McMahon)

a. The Model was selected as a DEHS vision element in 2014 to identify core services all IHS EH programs should provide and is in its final stages

b. Operational Plan

- i. Concept borne from the Operational Model process
- ii. Cache of guidance documents available to EH staff
- iii. Similar to IHS EH Handbook...but not exactly
- iv. Examples of documents to include: tribal food manufacturing; communicable disease investigation and control; well water sampling; sanitary surveys; response to public health emergencies; referral and complaint process
- v. Many guidance documents developed and utilized at Area level, Operational Plan possible method to manage them as one comprehensive blueprint
- vi. Will need a process to keep documents current
- vii. Will be discussed more in depth at August DEHS Directors' meeting

5. DEHS National Directors' Meeting (David McMahon)

- a. When: August 08-10, 2017
- b. Where: IHS, HQ, Rockville, MD
- c. What: planning committee working on agenda; DEHS Directors' will be asked to moderate some sessions

d. Lodging TBA

6. Head Start References (David McMahon/Angela Hodge)

- a. This item was discussed during December 01, 2016 DEHS Directors' call
 - i. Head Start Model Code does not align with 2016 Head Start Performance Standards
 - ii. DEHS Directors' requested a crosswalk of Head Start Model Code and the 2016 Head Start Performance Standards
 - iii. DEHS HQ submitted a scope of work to EHSC
- b. Albuquerque Area volunteered to develop crosswalk
 - i. Workgroup: Jeff Dickson, Angela Hodge, Donna Gilbert
 - ii. Plan to submit to David on April 14

7. WebEHRS Update (Stephen Piontkowski/Mike Reed)

- a. Contract modification w CDP
 - i. Adding a new ES PM and IP PM canned reports that Darren created in Oracle to the WebEHRS Reports menu for easier access by WebEHRS users and DEHS managers
 - ii. Adding a new detailed ES PM canned report to the WebEHRS Reports menu that will allow the Areas assess exact survey violation risk factors to better manage their PM and interventions; this canned report is based off one Phoenix Area created in Oracle in December 2016
- b. eSurvey WKGP
 - i. Childcare center eSurvey content finalized; transferring into eSurvey and checklist format
 - ii. Pool assessment eSurvey aligned with the Model Aquatic Health Code and piloting; should be live by summer 2017
- c. Feedback reports
 - i. Sorted through backlog of feedback reports and notified users of the status of their report
- d. Change control board: Mike will lead board
 - i. Members: Kelli Mohler; Samuel Frank; Tim Shelhamer; Stanley Zander
 - ii. First call April 14, 2017

8. COSTEPs (Stephen Piontkowski)

- a. 18 COSTEPs and one civil service student are currently being placed in seven Areas
- b. Preceptor call – <https://ihs.adobeconnect.com/p3g4jra8ahy/>
- c. Website updates – <https://www.ihs.gov/dehs/career/costep/>
- d. Actively manage COSTEPs

9. Flag Promotion Ceremony (Mike Reed)

- a. RADMs Buchanan, Taylor, and Calkins (2 EHOs and 1 ENG from IHS)
- b. Mike is lead coordinator
- c. May 15, 2017 @ IHS HQ



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- d. Opportunities for staff to contribute to planning from remote locations; contact Mike if interested

10. Injury Prevention Program Update (Nancy Bill)

- a. Area Specialists meeting
 - i. When: March 15-17, 2017
 - ii. Where: Atlanta, GA (CDC)
 - iii. Who: Hosted by Holly Billie
 - iv. Notes forthcoming
- b. IP Funding Announcement
 - i. FY17 IPP Part II awardees TBA soon
- c. TIPCAP
 - i. Fall prevention webinars
 - 1. March 29, 2017 by Dr. Bruce Fink
 - 2. June 2017 will highlight TIPCAP projects
 - ii. Project Officer training, April 25, 2017, CAIANH (Denver, CO)
 - iii. Annual Workshop, April 26-27, 2017, CAIANH (Denver, CO)
- d. Fall prevention webinar April 12, 2017, 2:00-3:00PM ET
 - i. Hosted by [Administration for Community Living, DHHS](#) who has [funded tribal fall prevention efforts](#)
 - ii. [Join the meeting](#); password title6
 - iii. Audio: 888.455.3131

11. IEH Program Update (Charles Woodlee)

- a. Residency update
 - i. LCDR Hansen: completed thesis; will complete residency this summer
 - ii. LT Dustin Joplin: accepted into residency and will begin June 2017
 - iii. 2018-2020 Residency announcement anticipated for Fall 2017
- b. Policy revisions
 - i. Diagnostic Imaging: should be finalized by WKGP this month
 - ii. Infection Control: will go through national review again soon
 - iii. Occupational Safety & Health: should go out for national review in June 2017
 - iv. Employee Health – NEW: this chapter used to focus on immunizations; currently recruiting WKGP members
- c. IEH National meeting
 - i. June 08-09, 2017; Seattle; following the American Industrial Hygiene conference
 - ii. Agenda to include IEH role in accreditation, nitrous oxide, future of the residency, other national initiatives

12. Area Reports

- a. Alaska
 - i. Initiated state-wide quarterly calls w tribal EH programs; DEHS HQ asked to participate if possible



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- ii. Staffing
 - 1. LCDR Katie Bante transferring to USGC in Virginia; her Fairbanks vacancy announcement forthcoming
 - 2. Russ Cameron will report to ANTHC
 - iii. Denman voiced support for proposed *Operational Plan*
 - iv. ANTHC and other tribal regional programs concerned w future of federal funding (e.g. possible reduction of U.S. EPA funds)
- b. Albuquerque
- i. Zika: nothing new
 - ii. Staffing: current vacancies at Albuquerque, Zuni, Southern Colorado Service Unit may be advertised in 601 job series
 - iii. Training
 - 1. Received/receiving
 - a. FDA 218
 - b. FSMA by New Mexico food emergency preparedness group (unsure if there will be FSMA training for tribes, but the states might be able to provide that)
 - c. MAHC forthcoming
 - d. Tai Chi train-the-trainer
 - e. CPS Instructors (2)
 - f. FDA Standardization
 - 2. Conducting
 - a. Lay vaccinator training (45 tribal members signed-up)
- c. Bemidji
- i. Staffing
 - 1. Selected three pathway applicants (two accepted offers; interviewing for the third)
 - 2. [Safety and Infection Control Specialist](#) (DE), [Safety and Infection Control Specialist](#) (MP); Cass Lake Service Unit
 - ii. Extern: Will support one civil service extern
- d. Billings
- i. Zika: nothing new
 - ii. Staffing: EHO, Wind River SU; vacancy announcement forthcoming
 - iii. COSTEPs – will host two; one for EH/IP and one for IEH
 - iv. [Intermediate IP course: August 15-18, 2017](#)
 - v. SNAP courses forthcoming
 - vi. TIPCAP: two sites are active
 - vii. *Billings Area Five Year IP Program Plan* being implemented (e.g. projects on fall prevention, increase occupant restraint use)
- e. California – *Not on call*
- f. Great Plains
- i. Introduction to IP course: June 2017
 - ii. RS/REHS: 18% of staff currently registered; seven staff currently preparing to take exam



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- iii. *FDA Needs Survey* received: Great Plains and Bemidji Areas may jointly host plan review course in FY18
- iv. Staffing
 - 1. IP Coordinator and Sioux City DEHO vacancies should be announced in next few months
- g. Nashville
 - i. Riley Grinnell presented at Lifesavers Conference 2017
 - ii. Mashpee Service Unit recently accredited by AAAHC
- h. Navajo
 - i. Staffing
 - 1. Jeff Conner selected as Deputy Director IEH Program and will report on April 14
 - 2. Jeff's previous position will be announced soon
 - 3. Twyla Zoe Benally, IP Specialist reported
 - ii. Zika: nothing new
 - iii. Hanta virus: public outreach on going
- i. Oklahoma – *Not on call*
- j. Phoenix
 - i. Staffing
 - 1. Eastern Arizona District IP Coordinator, Lakeside, AZ: Andrea Tsatoke was hired effective January 8' Andrea served as an IHS EHO for 10 years (Dillingham, AK and Reno, NV) and graduated from the IHS IP Fellowship in 2001; during her last 7 years while away from IHS she served in public health practitioner positions with Navajo County and with the University of California – Davis; we're ecstatic to have Andrea rejoin the IHS; Andrea took the helm as the EADO DIPC with the February 28 retirement of Jon Peabody
 - 2. Environmental Health Specialist – Parker, AZ: Braden Hickey was hired under the Pathways authority and reports to Parker, AZ April 16; she is a prior IHS COSTEP (Gallup, 2015) and earned a B.S. in EH from Illinois State in Dec 2015, then she served 1 year as a county sanitarian in Peoria, Illinois and attained her RS/REHS
 - 3. Pending: Area IEHO (Phoenix), Area IPS (Phoenix), EH Specialist (Polacca), EH Specialist (Phoenix)
 - ii. Intermediate IP course: May 02-04, 2017; Scottsdale, AZ; co-hosted with Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community; last registration count was 28, representing 6 Areas as well as staff from Arizona Dept. of Health Services and staff the Centers for AI/AN Health serving as TIPCAP Contractors; instructor team is Rob Morones, Jason Hymer, Andrea Tsatoke, and Isaac Ampadu



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- iii. Rocky Mountain spotted fever: 2017 RMSF prevention campaigns began in San Carlos and Whiteriver; campaign activities include tick collar distribution, pesticide application, and public information; Tribes remain challenged to identify funds to sustain effective prevention strategies; last fatal case was in August 2016
- iv. Midwestern Veterinarian School Partnership: Growing partnership with this Glendale, AZ program resulted in their providing a mobile spay/neuter clinic to Cocopah and Quechan Tribes (Yuma Service Unit) at no cost, Tribe is providing in-kind support for lodging
- v. OPM published Pathways guidelines at <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/hiring-information/students-recent-graduates/#url=Reference-Materials>
- k. Portland
 - i. No report
- l. Tucson – *not on call*
- m. EHSC
 - i. OEHE Orientation Course; April 24-28, 2017; Albuquerque, NM (100+ students expected)
 - ii. SFC webinar on time management
 - 1. CAPT Calvin Edwards, FDA, presenting
 - 2. April 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. ET
 - 3. <http://ihs.adobeconnect.com/sfctech/>; room passcode SFCtech; 800.832.0736, conference room number 6288702
 - iii. 10-Hour OSHA Course: May 22-23, 2017; Yuma, AZ
 - iv. Epi 102 course: May 23-25, 2017; Albuquerque, NM
 - v. APIC Infection Control course: June 27-29, 2017; Spokane, WA
 - vi. Intermediate IP course: May 02-04, 2017; Scottsdale, AZ
 - vii. Intermediate IP course: August 15-18, 2017; Billings, MN
 - viii. Introduction to IP course: June 2017; Great Plains Area

13. Other

- a. EHO application window to Commissioned Corps may open May 15 – June 15, 2017; official announcement from Corps pending

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