DEHS Directors’ Meeting: 04/06/17
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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
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

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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
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
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
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
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
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


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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