

DEHS Directors' Meeting: 10/05/17

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 See attachments in email from S Piontkowski on 10/05/17 with subject: DEHS Directors' Call - HANDOUTS

Next conference call December 07, 2017 1:00-2:30PM ET

Alaska:	Denman Ondelacy	Nashville:	Kit Grosch
ANTHC:	<i>Not on call</i>	Navajo:	<i>Not on call</i>
Albuquerque:	Debra Grabowski	Oklahoma:	Danny Walters
Bemidji:	<i>Not on call</i>	Phoenix:	Kenny Hicks
Billings:	Darcy Merchant	Portland:	<i>Not on call</i>
California:	<i>Not on call</i>	Tucson:	Martin Smith
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 HQ staffing
 - i. RADM Kelly Taylor, Acting Chief of Staff, IHS
 - ii. David McMahon, Acting Director, DEHS, IHS
- b. Darcy Merchant, Director, DEHS, Billings Area
- c. Tim Duffy, Acting Director, OEHE, Bemidji Area
- d. Holly Billie, Program Manager, Injury Prevention, HQ

2. Performance Measures Update (David McMahon)

- a. 2016-2020 Measures
 - i. *Environmental Surveillance Performance Measure* report – October 2017 (table below and [see handout](#)); out of compliance percentage reduced 0.1%

Percent of Observations Out of Compliance, Active and RRM Creditable Type 80s, 2001, 2005, 2009, 2013 and Navajo Nation, Routine/Finalized

FY 2016	Observations Marked				FY 2017	Observations Marked			
	Out of Compliance	In Compliance	# of Potential Observations (IN + OUT)	% Out of Compliance		Out of Compliance	In Compliance	# of Potential Observations (IN + OUT)	% Out of Compliance
Albuquerque	9	128	137	6.6%	Albuquerque	17	124	141	12.1%
Bemidji	1	218	219	0.5%	Bemidji	2	150	152	1.3%
Billings	0	34	34	0.0%	Billings	0	31	31	0.0%
California	6	81	87	6.9%	California	9	74	83	10.8%
Great Plains	3	254	257	1.2%	Great Plains	8	186	194	4.1%
Nashville	1	32	33	3.0%	Nashville	1	36	37	2.7%
Navajo	30	301	331	9.1%	Navajo	19	242	261	7.3%
OKC	17	255	272	6.3%	OKC	3	270	273	1.1%
Phoenix	24	240	264	9.1%	Phoenix	18	259	277	6.5%
Portland	1	143	144	0.7%	Portland	0	88	88	0.0%
Totals	91	1,687	1,778	5.1%	Totals	77	1,460	1,537	5.0%

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

- ii. *DEHS 2016-2020 Performance Measure Report – FY 2017 Summary* (table below and [see handout](#)); Dave will distribute this to Area DEHS Directors' for final comment

2016	Injury Intervention	Baseline Driver Seat belt Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 (73%) of the 11 Areas reported baseline driver seat belt use information. The national average: 64% of drivers wore seat belts.
	Environmental Surveillance	Baseline Percent of Observations Out of Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of the 208 targeted establishments selected, 85.1% were surveyed. The national average: 5.1% of poor employee health and hygiene foodborne illness risk factors were out of compliance.
2017	Injury Intervention	Interventions Reported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 (80%) of the 10 Areas reported interventions to increase seat belt use.
	Environmental Surveillance	Percent of Observations Out of Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of the 204 targeted establishments selected, 78% were surveyed. The national average: 5.0% of poor employee health and hygiene foodborne illness risk factors were out of compliance.
		Interventions Reported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 (100%) of the 10 Areas reported interventions to decrease foodborne illness risk factors.

- iii. *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 (report by September 30, 2018 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FY18ES>)
- iv. *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 (report by September 30, 2018 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FY18II>)

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

- 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
- Finalized and available in [OEHE Technical Handbook, Part 112](#)

4. COSTEPs (Stephen Piontkowski)

- 2017
 - 16 COSTEPs + 4 CS externs
 - Narratives: 15 received; will be posted to website in October



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- b. 2018
 - i. Open window closes October 13, 2017
 - ii. DCCPR finalizing timeline
 - iii. Stephen will share information as it becomes available and request COSTEP needs and names of recruited students later this fall
 - iv. Civil Service application NOT required for EH (i.e. COSTEP selection and hiring process same as it's always been)
 - v. Univ of MN student available for Feb-May 2018 externship; contact Stephen if interested in hosting this student

5. DEHS National Directors' Meeting Follow-up (David McMahon)

- a. Record of Decision and Action Items ([see handout](#) titled *Strategic Planning Summary, August 2017* and *Record of Decision - Follow-up Items*)
- b. Rob Ziegler's Report ([see handout](#) titled *Strategic Planning Notes – TERRACOM*)
- c. Strategic Planning Next Steps
 - i. Four key focus areas could be
 - 1. Operational Plan Concept
 - 2. Performance Measures
 - 3. Recalculating RRM
 - 4. Planning for Strategic Planning
 - ii. Discussion and decision that a specific strategic planning meeting among Area DEHS Directors' and mid-level staff (e.g. District EHOs) should occur in February 2018, in addition to hosting the annual Area DEHS Directors' meeting

6. Injury Prevention Program Update (Nancy Bill)

- a. First Annual National Native Health Research Training Conference
 - i. September 18-19, 2017
 - ii. <http://www.nnhrti.org/index.html>
 - iii. 4 TIPCAP Part I's/3 Part II's participated as workshop presenters
 - iv. R Morones participated
- b. TIPCAP
 - i. All 12 Areas funded (a TIPCAP first) ([see handouts](#))
 - ii. Administrative call – November 01, 2017
 - iii. TA calls with Jenn Russell, CAIANH
 - iv. 2018 Workshop
 - 1. April 18-19, 2017
 - 2. Rockville, MD
 - 3. Project Officer training: April 17, 2017; Rockville, MD
 - v. 20 Years of TIPCAP (Stephen Piontkowski)
 - 1. Purpose of project: provide an overview of projects, successes, and challenges from TIPCAP (1997-2016)
 - 2. StratComm is contractor; routine contract monitoring calls conducted



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3. Deliverables

- a. Summary report to include a sheet of TIPCAP projects for each IHS Area
 - b. Manuscript
 - c. Info graphic(s)
 - d. Press release
 - e. Blog post
 - f. Slide deck
 - g. Completion by late winter 2018
- c. Injuries Focus Report, 2017 Edition
 - i. Coming soon
 - d. Injuries Cost Benefit Analysis (Mike Reed)
 - i. Last updated in 2001 (Berger et al)
 - ii. Kauffman and Associates, Inc. is contractor; routine contract monitoring calls conducted
 1. RTI and Univ of Oklahoma sub-contractors
 - iii. IRB in progress

7. IEH Program Update (Charles Woodlee)

- a. Policy revisions
 - i. Occupational Safety & Health
 - ii. Infection Control
 - iii. Thanks for all the DEHS staff who contribute
- b. Residency update
 - i. 2018-2020 Residency announcement closes October 16, 2017; no applications received to date
 - ii. Field-based Residency: a concept for individuals who already have Master's degree to receive advanced training and build IEH competencies; proposal of this option ongoing
- c. National IEH Workgroups formed
 - i. Safe Patient Handling and Mobility
 - ii. IEH Long-term Training Program
 - iii. Industrial Hygiene Programs

8. WebEHRS Update (Stephen Piontkowski/Mike Reed)

- a. RRM Freeze
 - i. October 26, 2017, 2:00-4:00 PM ET
 - ii. Area DEHS Directors need to approve RRM creditable establishments and update staffing numbers (see emails sent to you from WebEHRS Administrator)
- b. eSurvey WKGP
 - i. Pool assessment eSurvey aligned with the Model Aquatic Health Code live; a couple changes from field staff made since launch



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- c. Change control board
 - i. Meets monthly
 - ii. 13 suggested changes led to contract modification # 2
- d. Contract modification #2: 70% complete
- e. Feedback reports (100 completed)
- f. WebEHRS 101
 - i. November 06-07, 2017
 - ii. Albuquerque, NM
 - iii. [Register for course with EHSC](#)
- g. WebEHRS Virtual Learning Sessions
 - i. October 11, 2017
 - ii. December 13, 2017; [register here with EHSC](#)

9. Area Reports

- a. Alaska
 - i. Hurricane deployments
 - 1. CDR Mark Strauss to Harvey
 - 2. LT Christopher Fish to Puerto Rico
- b. Albuquerque
 - i. Hurricane deployments – none
 - ii. Attended FDA Southwest Region seminar
 - iii. Hosted World Rabies Day webinar (64+ participants)
 - iv. Hosted CPS Tech training
- c. Bemidji – *Not on call*
- d. Billings
 - i. Hurricane deployments – none
 - ii. Staffing: EHO, Wind River SU, and EHO, Flathead SU, vacancy announcements forthcoming
 - iii. Flathead SU: 6 staff collaborated to conduct inspections of 48 establishments
 - iv. TIPCAP sites (2 Part 1s and 1 Part 2s) active
- e. California – *Not on call (below update emailed to HQ)*
 - i. Hurricane deployments – none
 - ii. Carolyn Garcia available for national DEHS meetings Feb-Apr except week of February 05, 2018
- f. Great Plains
 - i. Hurricane deployments – none
 - ii. Dan Davis, Deputy Director Internal Operations, so OEHE Director announcement forthcoming
 - iii. Staffing: SU EHO, Sioux City (pathways panel received)
 - iv. Staffing: Area IP Specialist and Sioux City DEHO vacancies to be announced soon
- g. Nashville
 - i. Hurricane deployments – none
- h. Navajo – *Not on call*



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- i. Oklahoma
 - i. Hurricane deployments – David Bales to Puerto Rico
 - ii. Staffing: Tim Arr, EHO, Lawton SU reported to duty (applying to Commissioned Corps)
 - iii. PHS presentation at Missouri Southern State
- j. Phoenix
 - i. Hurricane deployments – Jason Hymer to Texas
 - ii. Staffing
 - 1. Institutional Environmental Health Officer, Phoenix, AZ: Samuel Aboagye reported September 03, 2017
 - iii. Introduction to IP course: January 30-February 01, 2017; co-hosted with Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
 - iv. Institutional Environmental Health Courses
 - 1. Safety Officer's Fundamentals: February 2018
 - 2. Environment of Care Standards: April 9-13, 2018 with Gary Slack
 - v. Pre-Exposure Rabies Vaccination: Drafted an SBAR/issue paper recommending Phoenix Area DEHS staff receive pre-exposure vaccine through local IHS employee health program at no cost; Area Chief Medical Officer is generally supportive but wants to discuss with OGC re: eligible beneficiary considerations
 - vi. Tularemia Case Investigation: NV tribal reservation resident passed away and was organ donor; trace back investigation of organ recipients positive with tularemia identified donor as source; Phoenix Area DEHS partnered with Tribe, CDC, and state to conduct environmental investigation; rabbit carcasses near deceased member's home found to be positive with same genetic Tularemia markers as that among human cases in the investigation; also held community meeting to discuss Tularemia risks and protective factors; it is likely the case study will be written up in CDC's MMWR since this is the first known cases in which tularemia was contracted through organ donation
 - vii. Opioid Poisonings: Phoenix Area IP team working with state public health program officials and helping connect tribal law enforcement to training and Naloxone; also working with stakeholders (state, IHS, Tribal) in better defining opioid poisoning problem through review of local data systems and improving data collection efforts (including through post mortem blood analysis of suspect cases)
 - viii. Area Workshop: tentatively scheduled for April or May 2018
- k. Portland – *Not on call*
- l. Tucson
 - i. Hurricane deployments – none



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m. EHSC

- i. Hurricane deployments – none
- ii. Head Start Crosswalk should be available in November
- iii. IEH Program Manager and Director, EHSC vacancy announcements closed in September
- iv. [Intermediate Injury Prevention](#): October 24-26, 2017; Oklahoma City, OK
- v. [WebEHRS 101](#): November 07-08, 2017; Albuquerque, NM
- vi. [WebEHRS Virtual Learning Session](#): December 13, 2017
- vii. [Fundamentals of Safety Management](#): February 12-16, 2018; Phoenix, AZ
- viii. Healthcare Safety Accreditation: April 9-13, 2018; Phoenix, AZ
- ix. NFPA: Great Plains Area; spring 2018
- x. NFPA: Oklahoma City Area; spring 2018
- xi. CDC Infection Control Courses
 1. [October 30-November 01, 2017](#); Bismark, SD
 2. [November 14-15, 2017](#); Billings, MT
 3. [December 12-14, 2017](#); Albuquerque, NM
 4. [January 23-24, 2017](#); Portland, OR
 5. [February 06-07, 2018](#); Oklahoma City, OK
 6. [February 27-28, 2018](#); Phoenix

10. Other

- a. Environmental Health added to [IHS Health Professions website](#)

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