Next conference call December 03, 2021 1:00-2:00PM ET

Alaska: Not on call
Albuquerque: Carrie Oyster
Bemidji: Tim Duffy
Billings: Darcy Merchant
California: Carolyn Garcia
Great Plains: Not on call
Nashville: Not on call
Navajo: Donna Gilbert
Oklahoma: Not on call
Phoenix: Dave Cramer/Kenny Hicks
Portland: Chris Fish
Tucson: Not on call

1. Director’s Welcome and Update (Kelly Taylor)
   a. Staffing
      i. Injury Prevention Program Manager
         • Holly on terminal leave 11 December
         • Retiring 01 February 2022
      ii. Institutional EH Program Manager
         • Charles transferring to Director, DEHS, Nashville Area on 30 October
      iii. Deputy Director, DEHS
         • Martin transferring to Deputy Director, OEHE on 01 November
      iv. Director, DEHS
         • Kelly retiring 01 March 2022
      v. Vacancy announcements for these positions forthcoming

2. Area Highlights
   a. Alaska – Not on call
   b. Albuquerque
      i. Staffing
         • Brian Hroch retired 01 October
         • Jeff Conner transferring to EHSC
      ii. Rabies lay vaccinator training in November
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         • Rabies lay vaccinator program is not supported for federal staff, & tribes can support for their staff at their discretion (Kelly Taylor)
         • DEHS staff may assist w linking tribes to services & other vector/zoonotic disease prevention work (Kelly Taylor)
c. Bemidji
   i. Staffing
      • Barry Hugo is District EHO, Rhinelander District
      • Tim Taylor is District EHO, Minnesota District
      • Rachel Stokes to report to new Mt. Pleasant, MI office in late October
      • Kathy Covington selected as field EHO, Minnesota District, reporting late October
      • Casey Crump retiring 01 February 2022
      • IEH/Deputy Director vacancy announcement forthcoming
      • Area IP Specialist vacancy announcement forthcoming
   ii. Staff getting back in field this summer conducting establishment assessments

d. Billings
   i. Staffing
      • Supporting tribal vacancies: 1 in Ft. Belknap & 1 in Ft. Peck
   ii. Staff quarterly call recently completed
   iii. Rabies vaccination clinic at Black Feet
      • Veterinarian assisted & interested in lay vaccinator program
   iv. Rabies lay vaccinator program
      • Veterinarian seek state approval
      • When approved DEHS host lay vaccinator training for DEHS staff
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   v. COVID-19
      • Some tribes shutting down again (primarily in northern MT)
   vi. Staff getting back in field this summer conducting establishment assessments

e. California
   i. Staffing
      • Ukiah Field Sanitarian vacancy to be re-announced a third time
      • Jim White, Director, OEHE, CAO, transferring
   ii. COVID-19
      • Some childcare & Head Start centers beginning to re-open & DEHS staff supporting them
      • Infection control support to programs (n=3) related to monoclonal infusion treatment
iii. Wildfires
   • 77 fires in CA since 04 July
   • 18 directly impacted tribes
     • Evacuations
     • Air quality
     • DEHS: Distributed 550 air purifiers & distributed N95s to 17
       programs received
   iv. IP mini-grant work ongoing

f. Great Plains – *Not on call*

g. Nashville – *Not on call* (updates submitted via email)
   i. Staffing
     • Charles Woodlee reporting as Director, DEHS, Nashville Area, in
       early November
     • Kit will return to full-time IEH duties & plans to retire in Spring 2022
     • Riley on TDY but they advertised the position he is covering & he
       has been assisting w DEHS workload as needed
   ii. RRM updates nearly complete

h. Navajo
   i. Staffing
     • Gallup position filled w 12 October report date
     • Shiprock position to be re-announced
     • Three vacancy announcements forthcoming (Many Farms,
       Kayenta, Crownpoint)
   ii. COVID-19
     • In orange phase
     • Re-opening work (50% businesses open)
     • Vaccine support (COVID-19 & flu)
   iii. Staffing
     • The two GS-7/9 non-supervisory Sanitarian positions in Gallup &
       Shiprock were re-advertised & recently closed

i. Oklahoma City – *Not on call*

j. Phoenix
   i. Staffing
     • Two 1662’s in process to convert current civilians to CC
     • Three EHS vacancies: 1 coming soon in Parker; 2 in San Carlos
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   ii. Increase in West Nile virus cases across AZ; DEHS team accelerated
     mosquito trapping
   iii. District team identifying playgrounds in tribal communities to record
     them as Type 57s; analyzing inspection frequency
iv. Injury prevention
- Partnering w/ USC on home-based falls prev. tool kit to compliment the CDC STEADI program
- Piloting gun safe project w 2 tribes to prevent unintentional fire arm injuries
- Community opioid intervention manuscript accepted by British Medical Journal of Injury Prevention

v. COVID-19
- OEHE continues to fill key roles: Hicks IC; CAPT Cramer, EMPOC/Safety; CDR Hansen, Logistics; CDR Morones, Planning
- 6 CC pharmacists deployed to PIMC
- OSHA inspection at PIMC last week: needed to see a COVID-19 plan based on OSHA emergency temporary standard issued in June
- LCDRs Pink and Chung and LT Wrona presented regional fit testing initiative to support COVID-19 response at EHOPAC Virtual Training Series in September

k. Portland
  i. Staffing
  - Forthcoming vacancy announcement at Toppenish
  - Looking to revise billet description to an O-5
  - Chris to work w Kelly on billet before 1662 issued
  - Extern completed her assignment
  ii. BIE & CDC completed consult at Chemawa Indian School
  - CDR Matthew Ellis represented DEHS
  - Final report from CDC pending
  iii. COVID-19
  - ID has most cases
  - NWPAIHB has been busy w COVID
  - DEHS collaborated w SFC on wastewater surveillance interest from tribes; SFC is IHS lead on this
  - DEHS has supported re-opening efforts, conducted ventilation assessments; & infection control consults related to monoclonal infusion treatment
iv. OEHE RRM meeting w NWPAIHB
- SFC RRM has caused concern
- DEHS RRM call w NWPAIHB forthcoming
  - REMINDER: WebEHRS auto-inactivate feature not implemented for a while for Title V tribes so Areas had time to notify & work w tribes (Kelly Taylor)
  - REMINDER: Areas determine distribution of ESHA funds between DEHS & SFC (Kelly Taylor)
I. Tucson – *Not on call* (updates submitted via email)
   i. COVID-19
      • TU Area ICS remains active
      • Travis continues to serve as EMPOC, Safety Officer, Vaccine POC
   ii. Conducting routine surveys for facilities that are open (mostly casinos and schools)

m. EHSC
   i. Staffing
      • Jeff Conner reporting as IEHO end of October
   ii. COVID-19
      • Jeff Dickson IC (backfilling that role as a result of Brain Hroch’s retirement)
   iii. IP training courses
      • Intro to IP pilot courses complete
      • Intermediate IP course in November (22 people currently registered)
   iv. Share your training needs w Jeff

3. HQ Announcements
   a. Injury prevention (Holly Billie)
      i. Intermediate IP pilot course
         • 15-19 November
         • Registration open on [EHSC website](#)
      ii. Holly’s retirement
         • Terminal leave begins 11 December
         • Retirement 01 February 2022
         • Tim Wildcat, GPA, will be Acting
   b. IEH (Charles Woodlee)
      i. I-STAR: OSHA reports
         • Tailored Sharps log: info released
         • Tailored 300 log: pending release
         • 301 Form function/instructions: pending software update
         • Tailored 300A summary: in development
      ii. ECOMP: BLS report due soon
         • IEH/SOs need to close cases – help supervisors
         • OSHA Record-keepers need to recertify
      iii. Program management
         • Planning for Woodlee vacancy (01 November)
4. Other

a. Hazardous Duty Pay for DEHS Commissioned Officers (All)
   i. Constructive discussion on DEHS staff meeting the criteria for this benefit
      • Group agreed there should be a unified position for all EH staff
      • Decision there will be an effort to determine the DEHS position
         • We may wish to reach out to OEHE engineers as well
         • Volunteers: Carrie Oyster; Dave Cramer; Tim Duffy
         • More to come in the near future

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c. FY22 RRM freeze scheduled for 15 October (Stephen Piontkowski)

d. COSTEPs 2022 (Stephen Piontkowski)
   i. Request for wish list to be emailed by Stephen soon

e. Lead in drinking water (Stephen Piontkowski)
   i. If your staff have done any lead in drinking water work at childcare centers or schools please reach out to Stephen by 15 October in preparation for a routine call he has w EPA in early November

f. NDECI (Mike Reed)
   i. Request for list of names (District EHOs and higher) who will need user accounts to be emailed by Mike soon
   ii. Launch 15 November

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