

**CDC's Emerging Infections Program
CDC/USDA/FDA Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network
Steering Committee Conference Call**

Date: Thursday, May 13, 2004
Time: 2:00-3:00 pm EST
Numbers: Number: 888-405-9176 PassCode: 58895

No additional agenda items added

- 1) Administrative
 - a) Welcome Katrina Kretsinger (CDC!)
 - i) Will be joining as medical epidemiologist after graduating from EIS
 - b) Informatics
 - i) Working on job description
 - ii) Will assist in design and modification of data systems here
 - iii) Leadership role to guide CDC effort, identification of needs
 - iv) Goal is to hire by mid-summer
 - c) New Epidemiologist
 - i) Hiring a new surveillance epi
 - ii) Interviews next week
 - iii) Goal is to hire late June
 - d) CID Supplements
 - i) Thanks to hard work of all involved!
 - ii) 10 supplements will be mailed to each site
 - iii) pdf versions are available on FN website
- 2) Surveillance
 - a) 2004 Surveillance data
 - i) data packet on website – no discussion this month
 - b) HUS Surveillance
 - c) Outbreak table and line list
- 3) Special studies
 - a) S. Newport, S. Enteritidis, Infant case-control studies
 - i) Newport: Jay Varma working on MS
 - ii) SE update: (Ruthanne Marcus) Lab and study data has been merged, univariate analysis has been started, still cleaning up enrollment data, will work with Nicole on multivariate, still developing multivariate approach, meeting every week
 - iii) Infant update: IRB issues have been resolved, data collected while in non-compliance will not be discarded
 - b) EHS-Net Beef Study
 - i) Interview restaurant managers to look at food handling and preparation practices (ground beef) and to look at use of irradiated ground beef in restaurants
 - c) Long-term Care Facility Survey
 - i) Questionnaire and protocol being finalized, both are included in this packet, please review and address concerns/comments to Jennifer Nelson
 - ii) Submit to CDC by end of May, site IRB by June, begin study August
 - iii) If no site member on Interventions WG, please identify primary person for this study
 - iv) Question (Ruthanne) – Are all sites are participating?
(1) All sites planning to participate
 - v) Comments back to MD by May 21st to Jennifer Nelson
- 4) Working Groups
 - a) New FoodNet Working Groups
 - i) Table in this packet – priorities from Vision meeting with site contact
 - ii) Most WGs set to start in July, some are starting earlier
 - b) Attribution Working Group
 - a. Travel
 - a. *Salmonella* and *E. coli* **only** for travel information – every case unless otherwise specified
 - b. S. Kentucky (Cindi Snider)
 - a. Found commonly on retail meats but not in humans
 - b. Another call June 2nd
 - c. Evidence for decreased virulence of S. Kentucky
 - i. PHLIS data – higher percent from urine, UTI infection versus diarrhea
 - ii. Outbreak Data - 3 outbreaks related to S. Kentucky – all from multi-serotype outbreaks
 - iii. FoodNet data – 1 case of S. Kentucky associated with multi-serotype human infection
 - d. Next step is PFGE comparison working with FSIS, Susan Van Duyne to create PFGE dendrogram

- 5) Miscellaneous topics
 - a) MMWR (April 30th)
 - i) Lots of media coverage, very exciting
 - b) EIP Steering Committee meeting (June 17-18th)
 - i) In Atlanta, see you there
- 6) Upcoming FoodNet conference calls, meetings, and deadlines
Master calendar to be put on FoodNet website with all call information

a)	Tuesday	May 4 th	12:00-1:00 pm EST	SE Case-Control Study Analytical call
b)	Wednesday	May 5 th	11:00-12:00 pm EST	S. Kentucky call
c)	Wednesday	May 5 th	12:00-1:00 pm EST	<i>E. coli</i> O157 Cohort Study call
d)	Thursday	May 6 th	11:00-12:00 pm EST	Attribution Working Group call
e)	Tuesday	May 11 th	12:00-1:00 pm EST	SE Case-Control Study Analytical call
f)	Wednesday	May 12 th	4:00-5:00 pm EST	Burden Working Group call
g)	Monday	May 17 th	3:00-4:00 pm EST	Infant Case-Control Study Working Group call
h)	Tuesday	May 18 th	12:00-1:00 pm EST	SE Case-Control Study Analytical call
i)	Thursday	May 20 th	12:00-1:00 pm EST	HUS/STEC Working Group call
j)	Thursday	May 20 th	3:00-4:00 pm EST	Outbreak Working Group call
k)	Wednesday	May 5 th	7:00-8:00 am EST	Int'l Collaboration of Foodborne Diseases call
l)	Tuesday	May 25 th	12:00-1:00 pm EST	SE Case-Control Study Analytical call
m)	Tuesday	May 25 th	2:00-3:00 pm EST	Interventions Working Group call
n)	Thursday	May 27 th	2:00-3:00 pm EST	FoodNet Coordinators call
o)	Tuesday	June 8 th	2:00-4:00 pm EST	June Update meeting
p)	Thursday	June 10 th	2:00-3:30 pm EST	June Steering Committee call
q)	Monday	June 14 th	2:00-3:00 pm EST	Infant Case-Control Study call

- 7) Data Submission Deadlines
 - a) FoodNet active data Friday, May 21st
 - b) HUS data transmission Wednesday, June 2nd
 - c) Final 2003 data transmission Friday, June 18th