

Steering Committee Minutes
August 11, 2005

Present: CO, CT, GA, MD, MN, NM, NY, OR, TN, TX, EHS-Net, USDA-FSIS, FDA, CDC.

A. Administrative

1. The FoodNet Vision Meeting is scheduled for March 2 and 3. It is possible that a full-day FoodNet Coordinators meeting will be held March 1. The half-day session, also on March 1, will possibly be focused on case-control study methodologies.
2. ICEID Abstracts
 - a. The deadline for abstract submission is November 18th.
 - b. Proposals should be submitted for the next Steering Committee call (**due Friday, August 26th**).
3. Baytril Final Decision
 - a. The FDA withdrew approval for use of enrofloxacin in poultry.
 - b. Thanks to all your hard work!

B. FoodNet Studies/Projects

1. Case-control studies
 - a. Infant *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter* manuscripts are in preparation; a working group call will be held in September.
 - b. *Salmonella* Enteritidis and *Salmonella* Newport manuscripts are in clearance.
 - c. Comments from clearance are being incorporated into the *E. coli* O157 and *Listeria* manuscripts.
2. Other studies
 - a. The *E. coli* O157/HUS cohort study has been submitted to IRB.
 - b. IRB comments are being incorporated into the MDR non-Typhi *Salmonella* study protocol.
 - c. The Population Survey Cycle 5 is on schedule to begin in January 2006. The contract has been signed and questions have been submitted for the cognitive survey. Comments will be incorporated into the document in August. The goal is to submit the survey into clearance in September.
 - d. The final paper version of the *Campylobacter* Laboratory Survey was sent to the sites in late July. The deadline for completion is August 31st. Canada and New Zealand have conducted similar surveys.
3. *Campylobacter* Trends (1996-2003) manuscript
 - a. The first draft of the manuscript has been completed.
 - b. It is the first manuscript to include the negative binomial model.
 - c. Please email Jennifer Nelson (JMNelson@cdc.gov) with your site's co-author.

C. Working Groups

1. Case-Control Studies Methodology Working Group
 - a. The recommendations from the three call series were included in the call packet.
2. *E. coli* O157/HUS Working Group
 - a. There was little to update. A new person will be hired in the laboratory to assist with FoodNet activities.
3. EHS-Net Working Group
 - a. A draft of the Ideal Complaint System was included with the call materials.
 - b. EHS-Net awards have been given to seven of the FoodNet sites.
4. Trends Working Group
 - a. The Trends working group held its first meeting and will continue to meet on a quarterly basis and possibly monthly in January and February.
 - b. Age has been added to the negative binomial model, and tables showing the effect of age-adjusted estimates were included in the call packet.

D. Proposals

1. Does birth weight predict infection with *Salmonella* or *Campylobacter* among infants?
 - a. A project was proposed for an incoming EIS officer to assist with the infant case-control studies.
 - b. The proposal was approved.

E. Surveillance

1. Active data
 - a. *Campylobacter* rates have increased; *Listeria* has decreased; *Salmonella* has increased overall; *Shigella* has decreased; *E. coli* O157 has decreased; STEC non-O157 has decreased; *Vibrio* has decreased; *Yersenia* has decreased; *Cryptosporidium* has decreased; *Cyclospora* has increased.
2. Outbreak data
 - a. As of 2005, 106 outbreaks involving ≥ 2 ill are currently in eFORS.
 - b. For outbreaks involving ≥ 10 ill, 65% have an identified etiology, 22% have a confirmed vehicle, and 63% are restaurant-associated.
 - c. A linelist of outbreaks reported in eFORS through August was included in the packet. If any discrepancies are noted, please inform Katie Fullerton (KFullerton@cdc.gov).
3. HUS data
 - a. In 2004, 64 cases have been reported, and there were 2 deaths.
 - b. In 2005, 42 cases have been reported, and there were 2 deaths.
 - c. An additional HUS table was included to account for the changes made to the questionnaire this year.

F. Upcoming FoodNet conference calls, meetings, and deadlines

1. Wednesday	August 10 th	4:00-5:00	Burden Working Group
2. Thursday	August 11 th	2:00-3:00	FoodNet Steering Committee
3. Tuesday	August 16 th	3:00-4:00	HUS/STEC Working Group
4. Thursday	August 18 th	3:00-4:00	Outbreak Working Group
5. Tuesday	August 23 rd	2:00-3:00	Interventions Working Group
6. Tuesday	August 23 rd	4:00-5:00	Risky Foods Working Group
7. Thursday	August 25 th	12:00-1:00	Population Survey Working Group
8. Thursday	August 25 th	1:00-2:00	Antimicrobial Resistance Working Group
9. Thursday	August 25 th	2:00-3:00	FoodNet Coordinator call
10. Thursday	September 1 st	11:00-12:00	Attributions Working Group
11. Tuesday	September 6 th	2:00-4:30/ B-19	Update Meeting
12. Wednesday	September 7 th	1:00-2:00	Campylobacter Grocery Store Subcommittees
13. Wednesday	September 7 th	1:00-2:00	Campylobacter Laboratory Survey
14. Thursday	September 8 th	10:00-11:00	HUS Subcommittee
15. Thursday	September 8 th	2:00-3:00	FoodNet Steering Committee

G. Data Submission Deadlines

1. Surveillance data transmission Friday, August 19th
2. HUS data transmission Wednesday, August 31st