

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

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2006 (2:00-3:00 ET)
Numbers: Number: 866-793-9108 PassCode: 2074317
Attendance: CA, CO, CT, GA, MD, MN, NM, NY, OR, TN, FDA, USDA-FSIS, EHS-NET, CDC

A. Administrative

1. Status of manuscripts
 - a. Population-Based Estimate of the Burden of Diarrheal Disease (T. Jones) was accepted to Epidemiology and Infection.
 - b. The *Salmonella* Newport case-control study manuscript (J. Varma) was submitted to the American Journal of Public Health.
 - c. The *Listeria* case-control study manuscript (J. Varma) will be submitted to the New England Journal of Medicine.
 - d. The Burden of Acute Gastrointestinal Illness (S. Roy) is in clearance.
 - e. A manuscript on blending (G. Maldonado) is in the analysis stage.
2. ICEID abstracts
 - a. The final versions of the abstracts submitted to ICEID were included in the call materials.
3. Updated contact information
 - a. FoodNet/NARMS/GSS recently moved to CDC's Clifton campus. An updated list of telephone numbers was included in the call materials.
4. 2005 and 2006 FoodNet goals
 - a. The 2005 goals and accomplishments were included in the call materials.
 - b. Also included was a draft of the 2006 goals.
5. 2006 Vision Meeting (March 1-3, 2006; Atlanta, GA)
 - a. The Coordinators' meeting and the Case Control Study Methodologies satellite meeting are scheduled for March 1.
 - b. The Vision Meeting is scheduled for March 2-3.
 - c. Site priorities should be submitted by the next Steering Committee call.
 - d. Working groups will be reviewing last year's accomplishments and drafting goals for the new year.
 - e. The MMWR publication date is April 18th.

B. Working Groups and Special Studies

1. Selected *Salmonella* serotypes Working Group
 - a. The group has completed a series of working group calls and will submit materials to CDC's IRB soon.
2. *E. coli* O157/HUS Working Group
 - a. The cohort study has been launched in some of the sites and others have received approval to begin.
 - b. A monthly working group call will be established to discuss issues in administering the survey.
 - c. Isolate submission guidelines have been drafted.
 - d. The Genetic Predictors study protocol will enter clearance soon.
3. Outbreak Working Group
 - a. The Outbreak Supplemental Form has been revised.
4. Population Survey Working Group
 - a. The Population Survey is currently in CDC's IRB process, and amendments for a validation study will be added.
5. Interventions Working Group
 - a. FoodNet brochure – A draft of the FoodNet brochure was included in the call packet.

C. Proposals

1. Review of *E. coli* Outbreaks and Cases Associated with Animals in Public Settings (Nicole Steinmuller) - Accepted
2. FYI: Use of Detailed Food Exposures Collected as Part of Routine Surveillance in Investigation of a Multistate Listeriosis Outbreak Linked to Turkey Deli Meat – United States, 2005 (Ann Schmitz)

D. Surveillance

1. Active data
 - a. The 2005 rate of *Campylobacter* is statistically higher than the 2004 rate with Tennessee data excluded.
 - b. The 2005 rates of *Shigella*, all and *Shigella sonnei* are significantly lower than 2004 rates with Tennessee data excluded.
2. Linking data
 - a. Tables were included in the call materials.
3. Outbreak data
 - a. Tables were not included in this month's call materials due to problems accessing the eFORS data.
4. HUS data
 - a. 83 cases have been reported in 2005, and there were 4 deaths.
 - b. 1 percent of those tested for Shiga toxin by culture or serology were positive.

E. Upcoming FoodNet conference calls, meetings, and deadlines

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| 1. Friday | January 13 th | 2:00-3:00 | NARMS Retail Food Study |
| 2. Tuesday | January 17 th | 4:00-5:00 | Contributing Factors Subgroup |
| 3. Thursday | January 19 th | 3:00-4:00 | Outbreak Working Group |
| 4. Tuesday | January 24 th | 2:00-3:00 | Interventions Working Group |
| 5. Tuesday | January 24 th | 4:00-5:00 | Risky Foods Working Group |
| 6. Wednesday | January 25 th | 1:00-2:00 | Campylobacter Laboratory Survey Working Group |
| 7. Wednesday | January 25 th | 3:00-4:00 | Shigella Analytical Working Group |
| 8. Thursday | January 26 th | 1:00-2:00 | Antimicrobial Resistance Working Group |
| 9. Thursday | January 26 th | 2:00-3:00 | FoodNet Coordinators |
| 10. Thursday | February 2 nd | 11:00-12:00 | Attributions Working Group |

F. Data Submission Deadlines

1. Surveillance data transmission Friday, January 20th
2. HUS data transmission Wednesday, February 1st