

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

Date: Thursday, July 13, 2006  
 Time: 2:00-3:00 ET  
 Numbers: Number: 866-793-9108 PassCode: 2074317  
 Attendance: CA, CO, CT, GA, MD, MN, NM, NY, OR, TN, FDA, EHS-Net, CDC - Parasitic

**A. Administrative**

1. Personnel
  - a. Good-bye to Katie Fullerton
  - b. Welcome Kirsten Larson as new MD FoodNet Epidemiologist
2. Status of manuscripts
  - a. Highly-resistant *Salmonella* Newport-MDRampC Transmitted Through the Domestic Food Supply (Varma) – Published in JID
  - b. Eating in Restaurants: A Risk Factor for Foodborne Disease? (Jones) – Accepted to CID
  - c. Risk Factors for Infant *Campylobacter* Infections: A FoodNet Case Control Study (Fullerton) – Accepted to PIDJ
  - d. A Case Control Study of *Salmonella* Infection in Infants, FoodNet, 2002-2004 (Jones) – Accepted to Pediatrics
  - e. Foods Associated with *Listeria monocytogenes* Infections Are Common at LTCF in Eight States, FoodNet 2005 (Nelson) – Clearance
  - f. Health Care Utilization Among Persons Who Have Recently Experienced Gastrointestinal Illness (Scallan) – Clearance
  - g. Respiratory Symptoms Among Persons with Gastrointestinal Illness (Majowicz) – Reviewed by co-authors
3. Site Visits – GA, MD, NM, TN
4. Mid-year coordinators meeting – An agenda is being drafted. Topics can be submitted to Cherie Long.

**B. Working Groups and Special Studies**

1. *E. coli* O157 Manuscript Working Group – The working group has been convened to complete the manuscript draft.
2. Clinical Outcomes Study – Table summarizing the status of the study was included in the call materials.

**C. Proposals**

1. Surveillance for *Brucella*
  - a. A proposal to begin surveillance for *Brucella* in the FoodNet sites was included in the call materials.
  - b. A working group will be established to discuss potential issues with surveillance in more detail.
2. Validity of Race and Ethnicity in Public Health Surveillance Data (Benjamin Silk)
  - a. Proposed PhD thesis project. This proposal was accepted; a working group will be established.
3. FYI: Variations in Rates of Hospitalization Among *Salmonella* Serotypes (Amanda Ingram)
  - a. This is an update to a proposal submitted in November 2004 to include additional data in the analysis.

**D. Surveillance**

1. *C. difficile* – Summary table was included in call materials.
2. Active data
  - a. There are significant increases between 2005 and 2006 rates in *Salmonella*, all, STEC non-O157, and *Cryptosporidium*.
  - b. There are significant decreases in *Salmonella* Typhimurium, *Salmonella* Enteritidis, *Salmonella* Heidelberg, *Shigella*, all, *Shigella sonnei*, and *Cyclospora*.
3. Linking data – A table for linking FoodNet and NARMS data was included in the call materials.
4. Outbreak data
  - a. 111 outbreaks with greater than 2 ill were reported. 64% had a known etiology, 28% had a known vehicle, and 53% were restaurant associated.
  - b. 49 outbreaks with greater than 10 ill were reported. 71% had a known etiology, 31% had a known vehicle, and 37% were restaurant associated.
5. HUS data
  - a. A total of 36 HUS cases have been reported for 2006; 24 of those are in catchment.
  - b. 60% of those tested were positive for Shiga toxin. 25% of those tested by culture or serology were positive for O157.

**E. Upcoming FoodNet conference calls, meetings, and deadlines**

1. Thursday	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	3:00-4:00	Outbreak Working Group
2. Tuesday	July 25 <sup>th</sup>	2:00-3:00	Interventions Working Group
3. Tuesday	July 25 <sup>th</sup>	4:00-5:00	Risky Foods Working Group
4. Wednesday	July 26 <sup>th</sup>	3:00-4:00	<i>Shigella</i> Analytical Working Group
5. Thursday	July 27 <sup>th</sup>	1:00-2:00	Antimicrobial Resistance Working Group
6. Thursday	July 27 <sup>th</sup>	3:00-4:00	Trends Working Group
7. Wednesday	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00-2:00	<i>Campylobacter</i> Working Group
8. Thursday	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00-12:00	Attributions Working Group
9. Thursday	August 10 <sup>th</sup>	12:00-1:00	HUS/STEC Working Group
10. Thursday	August 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:00-3:00	FoodNet Steering Committee

**F. Data Submission Deadlines**

1. Surveillance data transmission Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>
2. HUS data transmission Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>