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

Date: Thursday, June 8, 2006

A. Administrative

1. Status of manuscripts
   b. Consumption of Risky Foods Among Adults at High Risk for Severe Foodborne Diseases: Room for Improved Targeted Prevention Messages (Samuel) – Submitted to Journal of Food Safety
   c. Eating in Restaurants: A Risk Factor for Foodborne Disease? (Jones) – CDC clearance
   e. Comparison of Three Surveillance Systems for Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome in Oregon (Shiferaw) – Submitted to American Journal of Public Health

B. Working Groups and Special Studies

1. Selected Salmonella Serotypes Working Group
   a. Modifications are being made to the protocol and then it will be resubmitted to IRB.

2. MDR Salmonella Working Group
   a. The table on page 6 shows the status by state.
   b. The enrollment tracking databases will be ready by the end of June.

3. E. coli O157 trends manuscript
   a. A study group will be formed to continue work on the manuscript. Names of co-authors can be submitted to Olga.

4. Outbreak Working Group
   a. The updated Outbreak Supplemental Form was included in the call materials.
   b. The form will be used for the 2006 calendar year.

C. Miscellaneous

1. Brucella and Leptospira surveillance
   a. Pilot testing surveillance for Brucella and Leptospira was discussed.

2. Mid-year Coordinators’ meeting
   a. Discussed at the Vision Meeting and a decision will be made pending funding and travel options.

3. Website visits
   a. Statistics for website visits to the MMWR page on the FoodNet website were included in the call materials; Visits increased 2 days prior to publication.

D. Surveillance

1. Active data
   b. Significant decreases in Campylobacter, Salmonella all serotypes, S. Typhimurium, S. Heidelberg, Shigella all serotypes, and Shigella sonnei.

2. Linking data
   a. Tables for the progress of linking FoodNet and NARMS data were included in the call materials.

3. Outbreak data
   a. 191 outbreaks with greater than 2 ill were reported in 2005. 85% had a known etiology, 58% had a known vehicle, and 61% were restaurant associated.
   b. 90 outbreaks with greater than 10 ill were reported in 2005. 82% had a known etiology, 61% had a known vehicle, and 54% were restaurant associated.
   c. 78 outbreaks with greater than 2 ill were reported in 2006. 70% had a known etiology, 31% had a known vehicle, and 57% were restaurant associated.
   d. 33 outbreaks with greater than 10 ill were reported in 2006. 79% had a known etiology, 36% had a known vehicle, and 36% were restaurant associated.

4. HUS data
   a. A total of 19 HUS cases have been reported for 2006; 12 of those are in catchment. 50% of those tested were positive for Shiga toxin. 37% of those tested by culture or serology were positive for O157.
   b. A total of 88 cases of HUS were reported for 2005; 67 are in catchment. 70% of those tested were positive for Shiga toxin. 48% tested by culture or serology were positive for O157.

E. Upcoming FoodNet conference calls, meetings, and deadlines

1. Wednesday June 14th 3:00-4:00 Selected Salmonella Serotypes Working Group
2. Wednesday June 14th 4:00-5:00 Burden Working Group
3. Thursday June 15th 3:00-4:00 Outbreak Working Group
4. Thursday June 22nd 1:00-2:00 Antimicrobial Resistance Working Group
5. Tuesday June 27th 2:00-3:00 Interventions Working Group
6. a. Tables June 27th 4:00-5:00 Risky Foods Working Group
    b. Thursday June 29th 2:00-3:00 FoodNet Coordinators
8. Wednesday June 28th 3:00-4:00 Shigella Analytical Working Group
9. Thursday July 6th 11:00-12:00 Attributions WG
10. Thursday July 13th 12:00-1:00 HUS/STEC Working Group
11. Thursday July 13th 2:00-3:00 FoodNet Steering Committee

F. Data Submission Deadlines

1. Surveillance data transmission Friday, June 23rd
2. HUS data transmission Wednesday July 5th