

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

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2006  
Time: 2:00-3:00 pm ET  
Attendance: CA, CO, CT, GA, MD, MN, NM, NY, OR, TN, FDA, USDA-FSIS, CDC

**A. Administrative**

1. Status of manuscripts
  - a. #433 – The Burden of Acute Gastrointestinal Illness (Roy) – accepted for journal publication
  - b. #105 – Risk Factors for Infant *Campylobacter* Infections: A FoodNet Case-Control Study (Fullerton) – submitted to Pediatrics
  - c. #24 – A Case Control Study of *Salmonella* Infection in Infants, FoodNet, 2002-2004 (Jones) – submitted to Pediatrics
  - d. #113 – *Listeria monocytogenes* Infection from Food in the Regulatory Era: A Case-Control Study of Risk Factors for Sporadic Illness in the United States (Varma) – submitted to CID

**B. Working Groups and Special Studies**

1. *E. coli* O157/HUS Working Group – The group has decided to discontinue HUS HDD surveillance for adult cases but will complete the year. Adult cases will be acquired through passive surveillance.
  - a. *E. coli* O antigen
  - b. Case definition
    - A. The group would like to begin collecting data on STECs not biochemically identified and excluded from the FoodNet data by the case definition.
2. Interventions Working Group
  - a. Lessons Learned/FoodNet brochure – A diagram of the proposed brochure folder containing materials about FoodNet activities was included in the call materials on page 7.
3. Attributions Modeling – Carl Schroeder of FSIS, who will be taking over for Jane Harman on the Modeling project provided an update.
  - a. The group is unable to produce a model that is able to converge.
  - b. The subcommittee has formed a four step plan for additional updates on the model:
    - A. Draft a briefing paper – short summary of the work
    - B. Convene a symposium at the risk analysis meeting
    - C. Conduct a Pre-Vision Meeting Workshop on the Attribution model
    - D. Hold an open meeting

**C. Proposals**

1. Summary of non-O157 Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* in FoodNet active surveillance (Linda Demma) – Accepted
  - a. Proposed abstract to represent FoodNet at the VTEC meeting.
  - b. Will describe the frequency of non-O157 STEC serogroups.

**D. Surveillance**

1. Active data
  - a. There has been an increase in *Campylobacter*, *E. coli* O157, STEC non-O157, *Listeria*, *Cryptosporidium*, *Yersenia*.
  - b. Decreases were observed in *Salmonella*, *Shigella*, and *Vibrio*.
2. Linking data – Table was included in call materials.
  - a. The new Cholera *Vibrio* case report form was also included in the call materials. The new form, in OMB clearance, includes a lab ID number to help in linking.
3. Outbreak data
4. HUS data – For 2005, there are a total of 88 cases and 67 in catchment. For 2006, there are a total of 16 cases and 10 in catchment.

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

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| 1. Tuesday   | May 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 2:00-3:00   | Interventions Working Group              |
| 2. Tuesday   | May 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 4:00-5:00   | Risky Foods Working Group                |
| 3. Tuesday   | May 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 4:00-5:00   | Blending Working Group                   |
| 4. Thursday  | May 25 <sup>th</sup> | 1:00-2:00   | Antimicrobial Resistance Working Group   |
| 5. Thursday  | May 25 <sup>th</sup> | 2:00-3:00   | FoodNet Coordinators                     |
| 6. Friday    | May 26 <sup>th</sup> | 11:00-12:00 | LTCF Analytical Team                     |
| 7. Wednesday | May 31 <sup>st</sup> | 3:00-4:00   | <i>Shigella</i> Analytical Working Group |
| 8. Thursday  | June 8 <sup>th</sup> | 12:00-1:00  | HUS/STEC Working Group                   |
| 9. Thursday  | June 8 <sup>th</sup> | 2:00-3:00   | FoodNet Steering Committee               |

**F. Data Submission Deadlines**

1. Surveillance data transmission Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>
2. HUS data transmission Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>