

Steering Committee Call Minutes
Thursday, October 12, 2006

Time: 2:00-3:00 pm ET; Numbers: Number: 866-793-9108 PassCode: 2074317

A. Administrative

1. Status of manuscripts

- Published in Journal of Food Protection: D.Hoefer "Knowledge, attitude and practice of the use of irradiation among respondents to the FoodNet population survey in Connecticut and New York"
 - Accepted to Journal of Food Safety: M. Samuel "Consumption of risky foods among adults at high risk for severe foodborne diseases: Room for improved targeted prevention messages"
 - Accepted to Foodborne Pathogens and Disease: E.Scallan "Estimating the burden of foodborne illness: Factors associated with seeking medical care and submitting a stool sample"
2. Site visits: TN and GA (MSA) conducted in September, MD scheduled for Oct 31st
3. Mid-year coordinator's meeting thank you: Successful meeting; would like to hold again next year.
4. WHO consultation on determining the burden of foodborne disease
- FoodNet was represented at this conference. Outcome of meeting to be discussed at international collaboration call on October 26th.
5. FoodNet Vision Meeting, March 8-9, 2007. Coordinators meeting and scientific meeting to be held March 7th.
- Proposed speakers for scientific meeting: Kare Molbak (sero-epidemiology) and Sarah O'Brien (UK Intestinal Disease study). Additional idea: session on STEC. Other ideas welcome.
 - Propose having a second coordinator's session on Friday during MMWR discussion.

B. Working Groups and Special Studies

1. Population Survey:

- Working group will be re-initiated; topics to discuss include distribution of 1st quarter data to sites. Proposed amendment will be submitted to IRB in October and implemented Jan 1, 2007. No objections; to be discussed further on the WG call.

2. *E. coli* O157 cohort study

- STEC definition changes: Rationale for changes was discussed; agreement to proceed with this interim solution. Questions regarding implementation in non-PHLIS sites to be discussed on coordinator's call.

3. *Campylobacter* working group:

- Discussion tabled until next call.

4. Clinical Outcomes Study:

- Anticipate that we will not reach expected enrollment at end of one year. Discussion regarding merits of extending study length versus increasing sampling for current year.
- OR agreed to extend study for one additional year; other sites will decide whether to extend and if so, at what sampling scheme. Further discussion will take place on the next antibiotic resistance working group call.

C. IT

1. Proposal: Data transmission working group:

- Contact Cherie Long with name of site representative to participate in this group.

D. Abstract proposals: No objections; will contact sites for co-authors.

- Trends in Incidence of Listeriosis in Adults 50 Years of Age and Older, Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network (FoodNet), 1996-2005
- FYI: Foods Associated with *Listeria monocytogenes* Infections Are Common at Long-Term Care Facilities in Eight States, FoodNet 2005
- FYI: Approaches to Educating Hispanic Women of Childbearing Age about the Risks of Raw Milk and Milk Product Consumption to Unborn Children

E. Surveillance

1. Active data
2. *C. difficile* data
3. Linking data
4. Outbreak data
5. HUS data

F. Upcoming FoodNet conference calls, meetings, and deadlines

1. Thursday October 19th 1:00-2:00 Antimicrobial Resistance Working Group
2. Thursday October 19th 3:00-4:00 Outbreak Working Group
3. Tuesday October 24th 2:00-3:00 Interventions Working Group
4. Wednesday October 25th 3:00-4:00 *Shigella* Analytical Working Group
5. Thursday October 26th 2:00-3:00 FoodNet Coordinators
6. Thursday October 26th 3:00-4:00 Population Survey Working Group
7. Thursday November 2nd 11:00-12:00 Attributions Working Group
8. Thursday November 9th 12:00-1:00 HUS/STEC Working Group
9. Thursday November 9th 2:00-3:00 FoodNet Steering Committee
10. Thursday November 9th 3:00-4:00 Trends Working Group

G. Data Submission Deadlines

1. Surveillance data transmission Friday, October 20th
2. HUS data transmission Wednesday, November 1st