

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

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2007 (2:00-3:00 ET)

Attendance: CA, CO, CT, GA, MD, MN, NM, NY, OR, TN, USDA-FSIS, FDA, CDC: EHS-Net, DPD

A. Administrative

1. Funding
 - a. Sites are encouraged to contact CDC to discuss site-specific issues related to funding and FoodNet activities.
2. Vision Meeting: March 8-9, 2007; Scientific/Coordinator Meeting: March 7, 2007
 - a. The deadline to reserve at the Emory Inn was Feb 4th; the deadline to reserve at the Holiday Inn in the FoodNet block is Feb. 15th.
 - b. Revised vision meeting and scientific agenda can be found on the FoodNet website.
3. Status of manuscripts
 - a. The Effectiveness of Recall Notification: Community Response to a Nationwide Recall of Hot Dogs and Deli Meats (M. Patrick) – Accepted to Journal of Foodborne Pathogens
4. Update on meeting with clinical reference labs
 - a. Meeting with clinical diagnostic labs (including Quest and LabCorp) held at the CDC last week.
 - b. Outcomes to be discussed during Vision Meeting STEC scientific session.

B. Working Groups and Special Studies

1. *Campylobacter* working group
 - a. The group is modifying the grocery store survey protocol to ensure that methods are identical to those used in FSIS baseline survey. Pilot will continue through April 2007.
 - b. Quantitative counts from CA and TN data will be compared to FSIS data.
 - c. Developing MLST attribution study plan and model.
2. Population Survey
 - a. Received 6-month dataset.
 - b. Amendment will be instituted for the last quarter in several sites.
3. Selected *Salmonella* serotypes
 - a. Study began in January. There is one enrolled case.
4. FoodNet 2.0
 - a. Variable call next week.

C. Proposals:

1. Characteristics of raw milk consumers and correlation of raw milk consumption and legality of raw milk sales in FoodNet sites – Accepted
 - a. New working group will be established; Duc Vugia will organize.
2. Analysis of FoodNet *Listeria* case report forms – Accepted
 - a. Will be used for MPH student thesis. If analysis leads to manuscript, working group will be established at that time.

D. Surveillance – Data tables included in call materials.

1. Active data
2. Outbreak data
3. HUS data

E. Upcoming FoodNet conference calls, meetings, and deadlines

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| 1. Monday | February 12 th | 2:00-3:00 | FoodNet Variable call |
| 2. Thursday | February 15 th | 3:00-4:00 | Outbreak Working Group |
| 3. Thursday | February 22 nd | 1:00-2:00 | Antimicrobial Resistance Working Group |
| 4. Thursday | February 22 nd | 2:00-3:00 | FoodNet Coordinator's Call |
| 5. Monday | February 26 th | 2:00-3:00 | <i>C. difficile</i> Working Group |
| 6. Wednesday | February 28 th | 3:00-4:00 | Selected <i>Salmonella</i> Serotypes Working Group |

F. Data Submission Deadlines

1. Surveillance Data Transmission Friday, February 9th
2. HUS Data Transmission Wednesday, February 14th