

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

Date: Thursday, January 11, 2007 (2:00-3:00 ET)

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

A. Administrative

1. Introductions

- a. Welcome Xin Tong (Analytical Epidemiologist) and Laura Moyer (Surveillance Epidemiologist)

2. Budget

- a. The site scores were submitted to EIP with funding recommendations based on a three tier scoring system.
- b. Due to continuing budget resolution, only 50% of funds allocated in current award.
- c. CDC will meet with sites individually to discuss implications of budget cuts.

3. Attribution Summit

- a. FSIS is working with Under Secretary for Food Safety, Dr. Richard Raymond, to organize a summit on attributing human illness to food, tentatively planned for March 27, 2007 in Washington, DC. For more information, contact Kristin Holt.

4. Vision Meeting: March 8-9, 2007 – Details included in the call materials and posted on the FoodNet website.

- a. Letter of invitation and draft agenda: Registration by Feb 7th.
- b. Scientific Day: Feb 7th – topics will include seroepidmiology and STEC.
- c. Hotel information: Block of rooms reserved at Emory Inn; Deadline for reservation Feb 4th.
- d. Lunch options – Lunch for the meeting will be have to catered given time constraints and meeting participants will have to pay for their lunch in advance. More details to come.
- e. Coordinator's meeting will be held on Feb 7th.

5. Status of manuscripts

- a. A Case-Control Study of Shigellosis in San Francisco: The Role of Sexual Transmission and HIV Infection (T. Aragon) – Published in Feb. 2007 CID
- b. Sporadic *Campylobacter* Infection in Infants: A Population-Based Surveillance Case-Control Study (K. Fullerton) – Published in Jan. 2007 PIDJ
- c. Factors Associated with Medical Care and Submitting a Stool Sample in Estimating the Burden of Diarrheal Disease in the United States, FoodNet, 1996-2003 – Published Nov. 2006 Foodborne Pathogens and Disease

B. Working Groups and Special Studies

1. *C.difficile* working group

- a. Abstracts have been submitted to the EIS Conference and ASM.

2. Selected *Salmonella* serotypes

- a. The study has been approved in all of the sites; the working group held a launch call on Jan 3rd.
- b. Letters will be mailed by the contractor for control interviews this week; interviews scheduled to begin Jan 15th.

3. Population survey

- a. Table containing the number of completed interviews by site by month was included in the call materials.

4. Trends working group

- a. The group has been working on the annual predictions, incorporating month into the model, age group specific models, and comparing crude versus adjusted incidence rates.
- b. Tables summarizing this work were included in the call materials.

5. Trends in *Yersinia*

- a. Summary included in the call materials.

C. Abstracts

- 1. A Decline in the Number of Foodborne Outbreaks with undetermined Etiology due to Increased Specimen Collection and More Rapid Notification of Local Health Departments – Draft abstract included in the call materials.

D. Surveillance – Included in call packet.

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

E. Upcoming FoodNet conference calls, meetings, and deadlines

- 1. Monday January 22nd 2:00-3:00 Performance Standards Call
- 2. Thursday January 25th 1:00-2:00 Antimicrobial Resistance Working Group

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| 3. | Thursday | January 25 th | 2:00-3:00 | FoodNet Coordinators Call |
| 4. | Thursday | February 1 st | 11:00-12:00 | Attributions Working Group |
| 5. | Thursday | February 8 th | 12:00-1:00 | HUS/STEC Working Group |

F. Data Submission Deadlines

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| 1. | Surveillance Data Transmission | January 19 th |
| 2. | HUS Data Transmission | January 24 th |