

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Disaster Epidemiology Subcommittee

Fifth Annual National Disaster Epidemiology Workshop May 14-15, 2014

Atlanta, GA

The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) invite you to participate in the 5th annual National Disaster Epidemiology Workshop. The Workshop will convene on May 14-15, 2014 in Atlanta, GA. Invited participants include epidemiologists from state, territorial and local health departments across the country, along with partners from CDC, other Federal agencies, academic institutions and non-governmental organizations.

The theme of the workshop is “Innovations in Disaster Epidemiology”. The CSTE Disaster Epidemiology Subcommittee will bring together speakers to address a range of topics (reference pages 2-4). The Subcommittee would like to thank the Safe States Alliance, the National Association for County and City Health Officials and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials for partnering with CSTE to promote the event to their partners. The goals of the workshop are to:

- Provide relevant and timely learning opportunities for epidemiologists, public health emergency preparedness coordinators, emergency managers and academia in disaster epidemiology.
- Provide opportunities for attendees to network and build partnerships with epidemiologists from across subject disciplines to share best practices and collaborate on epidemiologic approaches towards improving all-hazard disaster preparedness and response capacities at local, state, regional, and national levels.

CSTE is an organization of member states and territories representing public health epidemiologists. CSTE works to establish more effective relationships among state and other health agencies across a wide range of public health disciplines. The CSTE Disaster Epidemiology Subcommittee was formed in 2009 to bring together partners from across disciplines to enhance the public health response to disasters.

For more information about the Subcommittee, including agendas and summaries of past National Disaster Epidemiology Workshops, please visit: <http://www.cste.org/group/DisasterEpi>. For questions or to RSVP for the workshop, please contact Erin Simms at esimms@cste.org.



2014 CSTE Disaster Epidemiology Workshop

Atlanta, GA

Agenda

May 14, 2014

8:30 AM Welcome and Introductions

9:00 AM Keynote Presentation

Sally Phillips, RN, PhD
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary/Deputy Chief Medical Officer (Acting)
Office of Health Affairs
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

10:15 AM Session 1: Surveillance during Disasters: Innovations in the use of Technology and Tools

e-Surveillance

Scott McNabb, PhD, MS
Research Professor
Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health

Epi-Info Applications for Disaster Epidemiology

Asad Islam, MS
Computer Scientist
CDC Office of Public Health Scientific Services

Utilization of iPADS for Data Entry in the Field

Jay Roth
CDR, US Public Health Service
CDC Career Epidemiology Field Officer
Tennessee Department of Health

11:15 AM Break

11:30 AM Session 1 Panel Discussion

Moderator: Doug Thoroughman, PhD, MS
CAPT, US Public Health Service
CDC Career Epidemiology Field Officer
Kentucky Department for Public Health

12:15 PM Lunch (on your own)

1:30 PM Session 2: Social Media and Disaster Epidemiology: Innovative Approaches to Surveillance and Situational Awareness

Hurricane Sandy: Changing the Landscape of Social Media Strategies

Jay Dempsey
Acting Team Lead
Health Communications Science Office
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Operation Dragon Fire

Tyler McKee
Program Manager
National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters

Tracking Deaths during Hurricane Sandy

Olaniyi Olayinka, MD, MPH
Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer
National Center for Environmental Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

2:30

Session 2 Panel Discussion

Moderator: Amy Schnall
National Center for Environmental Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

3:00 PM

Break

3:15 PM

Innovating Disaster Epidemiology: Updates from the CSTE Disaster Epidemiology Subcommittee

Ashley Conley, MS, CPH
Chair, CSTE Disaster Epidemiology Subcommittee
City of Nashua, Division of Public Health and Community Services

Michael Heumann, MPH, MA
HeumannHealth Consulting LLC

4:15 PM

Discussion

4:30 PM

Adjourn Day 1

May 15, 2014

8:30 AM Session 5: Innovative Approaches for Disaster Response to Recent Events

Blast Injuries from Massive Explosion in Residential Area— Texas, 2013

David Zane
Epidemiologist
Texas Department of State Health Services

Acute Health Effects Associated with the Elk River Chemical Spill –
West Virginia, 2014

Erica Thomasson, MPH, PhD
LT, United States Public Health Service
Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer
Division of Infectious Disease Epidemiology West Virginia Bureau for Public
Health

Joy Hsu, MD, MS
LCDR, United States Public Health Service Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Environmental
Health Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects Air Pollution and
Respiratory Health Branch

Ethan Fechter-Leggett, DVM, MPVM
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Environmental
Health Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects Environmental
Health Tracking Branch

9:30 AM Session 5 Panel Discussion
Moderator: Ashley Conley, MS, CPH

10:00 AM Break

**10:15 AM Session 3: Emergency Management and Disaster Epidemiology – An
Innovative Partnership from One State’s Perspective**

Teresa Porter
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Public Health Area 9
Alabama Department of Public Health

Mitchell Sims
Director
Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency

11:15 AM Session 3 Panel Discussion
Moderator: Amy Wolkin, MSPH
National Center for Environmental Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

11:45 PM Lunch (on your own)

12:30 PM Session 4: Establishing Innovative Partnerships for Conducting Disaster Epidemiology

Steve Bennett, Ph.D.
Director
National Biosurveillance Integration Center
Office of Health Affairs
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

TBD
American Red Cross

1:15 PM Session 4 Panel Discussion
Moderator: Michael Heumann, MPH, MA

1:45 PM Large Group Discussion and Next Steps
Moderators:
Ashley Conley, MS, CPH
Michael Heumann, MPH, MA

2:30 PM End of Meeting

Please do not forget to fill out your evaluation form!

Thank you!