Cross Cutting I Steering Committee Update
CSTE Executive Board Meeting, January 2018
Steering Committee Chair: Barbara Gabella, MSPH
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Substance Use and Mental Health Subcommittees:

Alcohol Subcommittee-Laura Tomedi (NM):
- Emergency Department Project: An assessment of how alcohol consumption information is collected in emergency departments, through a partnership with the American College of Emergency Physicians is nearing completion of data analysis.
- NVDRS Analysis: The subcommittee proposal to the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) to access data for a state specific analysis of NVDRS data to identify the variability in state blood alcohol content testing rates and the reason for the difference was accepted.

Substance Use and Mental Health Indicators-Tom Largo (MI) and Anne Zehner (VA):
- Formerly known as the Alcohol and Other Drug Indicators (AOD) Subcommittee, the group has expanded focus from hospitalization indicators to incorporate the "CSTE Recommended Indicators for Substance Abuse and Mental Health."

Overdose Subcommittee-Svetla Slavova (KY) & Nate Wright (MN):
- The manuscript "Prevalence of Gabapentin in Drug Overdose Postmortem Toxicology Testing Results," co-authored by Svetla Slavova (KY) and other members of the subcommittee, was accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed journal, *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.
- Co-chairs Barbara Gabella (CO) and Svetla Slavova (KY) are rotating out of their subcommittee leadership roles but supporting the transition. Svetla Slavova will retain her role until a replacement is identified.
- The overdose subcommittee is also supporting the launch of the new Technical Assistance for Drug Poisoning Surveillance project workgroup in coordination with CSTE Injury staff and leadership.

Substance Use and Mental Health Subcommittee-Michael Landen (NM):
- The CSTE Substance Use and Mental Health strategic map has been shared with members and stakeholders, implementation and evaluation planning is in progress.

Marijuana-Daniel Vigil (CO) & Julia Dilley (OR):
- 35 states completed the "Environmental Scan" of state marijuana epidemiology to capture what data sources and methods are being used. Data analysis is currently in progress.

Other Activities:
- Small grants for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Agencies to implement novel surveillance projects for emerging behavioral health issues:
    - 2016/2017 Awards: 9 jurisdictions completed projects in July 2017, with 2 jurisdictions scheduled to complete in early 2018. An evaluation summary report of project results will be developed and select projects will be featured on webinars in early 2018.
    - 2017/2018 Awards: 8 jurisdictions started projects in December 2017 and will complete by June 30, 2018

- CSTE Recommended Indicators for Substance Abuse and Mental Health, June 2016 white paper and position statement:
    - A request for proposals is currently open for round 2 pilots, seeking 10+ states to pilot 6 indicators, provide analysis results and report feedback. Pilots will present at the Substance Use and Mental Health Surveillance Workshop at the 2018 CSTE Annual Conference in West Palm Beach, FL.
    - Proposals for a consultant to complete an economic analysis of the indicators are in review.
- CSTE has contracted with New York University College of Global Public Health, Program on Population Impact, Recovery and Resilience, to develop and validate behavioral health questions for use in public health emergency responses.
- 3 consultants are working with CSTE and SAMHSA to develop recommendations for behavioral health surveillance of homeless and correctional population, and suicidal ideation surveillance.
- CSTE contracted with Emory University Rollins School of Public Health Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics for the development of a geographic mapping project to identify communities at risk of behavioral health issues.
- Behavioral Health Surveillance Mobile App Development and Feasibility Testing:
    - Stanford University was awarded the phase 2 contract to further develop and pilot the mobile application for use with the general population. CSTE will identify a local health department to partner with Stanford for the pilot.