



CSTE Cross Cutting II Steering Committee Update

CSTE Executive Board Meeting, January 2018

Steering Committee Chair: Aaron Fleischauer, PhD, MSPH

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Health Disparities – Duc Vugia (CA) & James Hadler (CT), Hayleigh McCall

- A manuscript has been published in the January 2018 edition of *Preventing Chronic Disease*, which describes the need, potential value, and future public health applications that can result from examination of life expectancy.
- CSTE plans to host a meeting in March 2018 to bring members together to discuss potential solutions to several methodological challenges, to share best practices for effective messaging and visualization of the local life expectancy estimates, and to share lessons learned from previous applications of small area life expectancy and related indicators to drive public health actions.
- James Hadler (CT) presented to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) concerning the CSTE Position Statement titled "Use of Area-based Socioeconomic Status to Generate National Data on Health Outcomes with Proposed Healthy People 2030 Objectives for Which Individual Socioeconomic Status Data are Not Routinely Collected."
 - CSTE submitted an official written comment during the open review process of the Healthy People 2030 Framework encouraging the Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity Subcommittee and/or the Data Subcommittee to include a public health infrastructure objective to increase the proportion of population-based objectives for which national data are available by SES by having at least one acceptable census tract-level SES measure for each population-based health outcome measure lacking data on individual SES.



Public Health Emergency Preparedness – Alan Siniscalchi (CT), Jordan Peart

- CSTE National Office staff continue to participate in situational awareness calls with the State Coordination Task Force (SCTF) on the 2017 Hurricane Response.
- In January 2018, CSTE released the Preparedness Contact Board, a login-based contact information repository that will easily allow jurisdictions to search for relevant preparedness contacts nationwide.
- Richard Danila represented CSTE at the November 2017 Clinical Laboratory Partners Meeting in Washington, DC. Alan Siniscalchi (CT) is CSTE's new representative to the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Disasters and Emergencies.
- The PHEP subcommittee continues to meet quarterly to feature presentations of interest to membership.

2016-2017 Zika Virus Response

- CSTE hired a consultant (Paul Etkind) to assist with the development of new tools and resources for Zika, specifically a Zika training toolkit. The toolkit is near finalization and will be released in February 2018.
- The consultant (Paul Etkind) is also coordinating a 'Zika: Notes from the field' webinar series, featuring case studies and surveillance/laboratory practices from STLT agencies. 3 of the 5 webinars have been conducted with the last 2 scheduled for February 2018.



Public Health Law – Marci Layton (NYC), Jordan Peart

- The subcommittee continues to meet quarterly to feature presentations of interest to membership, with the most recent call conducted on December 6, 2017 to review a generic version of a Data Use Agreement.
- Limited travel sponsorships available for public health lawyers to attend and participate in a roundtable discussion on legal challenges in implementing electronic case reporting at the 2018 CSTE annual conference.
- Upcoming subcommittee calls:

- February 7, 2018 topic - to discuss legal issues related to NHSN data access for health departments
- April 2018 topic - North Carolina's HIV control measures revisions that regard persons who are virally suppressed as non-transmittable.

**Border/International Health – Ken Komatsu (AZ), Jordan Peart**

- The subcommittee continues to meet quarterly to feature presentations of interest to membership.
- Key CSTE members are collaborating with DGMQ Quarantine Branch to update the position statement on disease importations.

**Tribal Epidemiology – Michael Landen (NM), Del Yazzie (Navajo Nation), Jessica Arrazola**

- Received new funding to facilitate relationship building between TECs and state health agencies to improve data sharing and to support continued Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country evaluation activities.
- RFPs are available to 1) identify a consultant to assess the feasibility of a Tribal Epidemiology Center Consortium and 2) develop a data resource guide on Tribal Suicide Indicators.

**Epidemiology Methods – Talia Brown (CO) and Diana Cervantes (TX), Jessica Arrazola**

- The Epi Methods Subcommittee convened its most recent call on January 18, 2018, featuring CASPER – what is it and how can it be modified.

**Workforce (Jessica Arrazola, Kiara Maddox)**

- **AEF**
 - Class XVI – Host site application closed October 20, 2017; 75 host sites accepted, billets posted to fellowship website; Fellowship application closed January 12, 2018
 - Class XV - 25 fellows onboarded between June and September 2017
 - Class XIV – 21 fellows in the field
- **Applied Informatics Team Training**
 - Selected 15 teams to participate out of 54 applications. Their topics focus on eCR, ELR, Business Analysis, Informatics Savvy Health Department Assessment, and Data Visualization. They will participate in 4 webinars and attend the CSTE Annual Conference for a training workshop.
- **Workforce Subcommittee – Bob Harrison (CA) and Beth Daly (NH)**
 - The Workforce Subcommittee sponsored a 3-part webinar series on evaluation for epidemiologists in fall 2017. Attendance and interest was high throughout: 364/430, 290/554, 207/514, and 164/227.
 - The Early Career Professionals Workgroup is implementing the 2017-2018 CSTE Mentorship Program. CSTE will sponsor 16 mentors and 16 mentees to attend the 2018 CSTE Annual Conference.
 - CSTE is offering a MMWR Training Series to increase the quality of submissions by STLT agencies. 57 applications were received for the 20 available spots. The webinars will be open to everyone.
- **2017 ECA**
 - The state report is anticipated to be shared in February 2018 in conjunction with the release of an MMWR.
 - CSTE is partnering with NACCHO to conduct a local ECA. 27/30 BHC participated in the pilot – data are being analyzed. The full local assessment with 423 health departments was launched on January 19, 2018.