

REGIONAL EPIDEMIOLOGY WORKGROUP

MEETING MINUTES (7/10/09)

Present: Kristi Kato, Kate Lanza, Heather Beaird, Justin Bechtel, Vaughn Anderson, Margo Erme, Sallie Bair, Linda Ewing, Susan Kovach, James Hubert, Christina Henning, Lisa Klatka, Karen Schantz

I. Introductions

II. State Epi Meeting Presentation

- a. The meeting in Columbus is August 18th 2009
- b. NECO Epi are presenting on the following topics:
 - Shigella discussion panel (Mary Derr, Karen Schantz, Margo Erme)
 - RODS data use Summit/Stark comparison of what the two counties are doing with their data (Karen, Margo)
 - Expected number communicable disease (Vaughn)

III. Development/Revision of Epi Response SOG

- a. Kristi presented on what the Community Containment group is working on. The finalized version of their document will be presented at the NECO Public Health Planning Committee on September 22nd for approval. The Epi Workgroup will be the next Workgroup to develop an Incident Management Document.

IV. Comments State Epi Group

- a. Krys presented on the statewide Epi Meeting. She spoke re ODRS case management. Not all of the regions provided feedback. Krys only received feedback from one individual from our region. Everyone agreed that they wanted it on ODRS. Some do not want case management but fields like nursing homes. An agreement was made to go ahead and put it in but individuals are not guaranteeing that they are going to fill in the fields. It is very similar to crypto. Please send additional comments to Krys. The next meeting is in August.
- b. Krys also presented on her visit with the ODH Flu Surveillance. She will be sending out an overview of how the state does flu surveillance.

V. H1N1 Response

- a. The counties talked about methods of their response:
 - Summit/Akron more surveillance sites (schools), epi analysis factors in those
 - Vaughn: focusing on getting sentinels on time
 - Karen: lessons learned, why we do routine surveillance
- b. It was discussed that routine conference calls during a pandemic is not feasible due to time constraints and other pandemic responsibilities. It was decided to continue to share information through the listserve, or if the matter is pressing, through a high alert on OPHCS.

VI. Open Discussion/New Business

- a. Summit Co. seeing an increase in pertussis, shigella (outbreak in a daycare)
- b. Sandy suggested having a later meeting (9am or later)
- c. Vaughn inquired if other jurisdictions were seeing an increase in duplicate cases in ODRS. Nobody else has seen an increase. Vaughn said he will contact ODH and talk to them about the issue.

VII. Next Epidemiology Meeting

- a. Not scheduled yet, will be after the State Epi meeting, sometime in Fall 2009.