

Local-State Executive Committee

Minutes

March 24, 14

Attendance: Renae Moch, Robin Iszler, Allen McKay, Arvy Smith, Tim Wiedrich, Colleen Pearce, Kelly Nagel

Guest: Kirby Kruger

STD Follow Up

- Statewide reported cases of Chlamydia are 2900 and 2400 cases of Gonorrhea. 12.5% chlamydia and 8.5% of Gonorrhea cases are followed up by LPHU. The contact tracing protocol does vary by health department.
- DoH typically doesn't follow up with low risk chlamydia cases. LPHUs typically do the contact tracing of these cases (LPHUs with family planning and doing STD testing). DoH Field epidemiologist are involved in the high risk cases such as pregnant women with chlamydia.
- All TB cases are followed up with by LPHU (contracts in place). There are no formal agreements with STD follow up.
- Syphilis treatment is not in DoH budget. If necessary, the state will fund or purchase the medication. Typically, the state will check with local pharmacy for medication and purchase directly.

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- Presented the test link for LPHU reaction. ND City and County Health Official title needs to be changed to or referenced to ND SACCHO.
- No other concerns mentioned. Kelly will send out test link for review.

Other/Car Seat Follow Up

- Recertification of technicians may not be efficient for the number of car seats provided. Central Valley only receives 5 car seats so decided not to recertify the technician. The car seat issue was discussed at South Central Regional meeting and they feel it is not efficient for each jurisdiction to have a technician. The feeling is that there needs to be more media education since very few car seats are provided through local public health. Car seat inspections have not been very well accepted in the Jamestown area. Lake Region Health District car seat inspections are accepted fairly well after 5 pm. Lake Region and First District purchase additional car seats outside of those provided by the state. The car seat program is generally funded locally.
- Jamestown Regional Medical Center has a certified technician to install car seats for new-borns. ? if this is a typical model. Do they install all car seats or only the seats that are provided by the state?

- Local Executive Committee representation feels that the biggest issue is the requirement for the technicians to be observed by a state program person for 5 installations. Scheduling and coordinating the car seat installations with the observer is challenging. Could the practical testing of 5 car seat installations take place during the actual certification training?
- The state program feels there should be hands on training vs. a video when state car seats are provided. Car seat installation and inspection is a technical process so a training video may not be very effective. Studies show that only 1 out of 5 car seats are installed correctly.

Miscellaneous:

- Robin asked if we shouldn't be coordinating public health messaging between the state and local level. It was suggested to identify state and local messaging priorities and develop coordinated, collaborative and consistent messaging. Local and state could prioritize 12 issues and commit/agree to communicate the message each month. It was suggested to do more advertising rather than press releases. Could there be a general public health message of what public health does or should the message be more often based on a health topic? Who should take the lead on this? Messaging is more important now with the new influx of people coming to the state. Arvy will bring this to the PIOs to determine a strategy to better coordinate messaging. It would be good for public health to be proactive. Robin requested that the PIOs identify costs for advertising to target and pool resources.
- It was suggested that LPHU administrators should bring state and local program and communication issues or concerns to Allen McKay, Renae Moch, Robin Iszler, Barb Frydenlund or Sherry Adams to be added to the Executive Committee. State staff should bring issues and concerns to Kelly Nagel for discussion.
- Allen would like the environmental health authority issues to be kept on the table and be brought forward to the Executive Committee meeting.

Next meeting is April 28, 2014