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Infectious Disease ACTION Team Meeting AGENDA & NOTES

Date: Thursday, March 9th, 2017
 Time: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
 Location or Conference Call Number: 877-916-8051
 Conference Call Access Code: 5399866

Attendees : Elaine O’Keefe (CIRA), Heidi Jenkins (DPH), Catherine Wiley (Connecticut Children’s Medical Center), (Sandy Gill, Project Consultant, DPH), Chantelle Archer (Project Consultant, DPH), Carol Stienke (Hartford Health Dept.), Kris Magnussen (Ledge Light Health District), Dale Cunningham (ACS, Lawrence & Memorial Hospital)

Agenda Items	Discussion	ACTION Items
2017 Policy Agenda	<p>HPV – Add HPV vaccine to the mandated vaccines for school.</p> <p>-This bill has not gone anywhere. However, \$9.5 million is included in the governor’s proposed budget for HPV for 11-12 year-olds.</p> <p>-Cathy mentioned that there is a change in the HPV vaccine schedule. Instead of having 3 doses of the vaccine, only 2 doses are needed for children <15 years at the time of 1st dose. This will have a favorable impact on the budget, as well as uptake among younger children.</p>	
<p>2017 Action Agenda</p> <p>-Objective ID 1: Increase by 5% the vaccination coverage levels for (ACIP) recommended vaccines among children and adults.</p>	<p><u>Strategy: Enhance CT Immunization Registry & Tracking Systems (CIRTS) to accept electronic reporting and implement comprehensive reminder/recall systems.</u></p> <p><i>Action (a): Meet DPH interoperability grant deliverables</i></p> <p>-This item is currently on hold; is dependent upon the grant. Kathy reported that a gap analysis requested by CDC is currently underway to determine if the vendor is sufficient to meet current/future needs.</p>	
<p>-Objective ID-5: Increase by 5% the percentage of adults who are vaccinated annually against seasonal influenza.</p>	<p><u>Strategy: Develop new and diverse venues for influenza vaccine administration and culturally appropriate outreach to ensure access to all population groups.</u></p> <p>-Carol shared the results of the <i>Flu Vaccination Survey</i> that was sent out by the Hartford Health Department to 72 health departments in the state through survey</p>	<p>-Carol will share the PDF version of the <i>Flu Vaccination Survey</i> with members and work on revising the survey and</p>

	<p>monkey. Only 12 health departments completed the survey.</p> <p>-After the meeting Carol Steinke contacted Elaine informing her that she and a colleague revised the survey and she is reaching out to the CADH president to see if CADH will assist with disseminating and promoting a second push of the survey.</p>	<p>disseminating with input from DSS and CADH.</p> <p>-Kris will reach out to VNAs.</p> <p>-Cathy will reach out to the president of CADH about the rationale for the survey and need for their input. Elaine will send Cathy the president's contact information. Elaine connected with the CADH president who is now working with Carol to revise and disseminate the survey to increase response rate. Carol also contacted Dr. Zavoski at DSS about reimbursement issues for LHDs and to get his input on the language in the revised survey.</p> <p>-Cathy will follow-up with Kathy Kudish on the local health annual survey. Cathy contacted Kathy K who feels in retrospect that the annual survey does not include the kind of detail the committee is seeking. Kathy reached out to Juanita to find out if questions could be added; however, the survey is already 85 pages long (with 3 questions about flu vaccine – whether flu vaccine is given, # of doses, ages immunized). Survey goes out</p>
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		7/1/17, so timeline may not align well with SHIP.
-Objective ID-7: Increase by 20% HPV vaccination rates for male and female adolescents 13 to 17 years of age to meet CDC guidelines.	<p><u>Strategy: Educate providers about vaccine availability, delivery, cost and practice guidelines.</u></p> <p>- \$100,000 has been proposed in the budget for the media campaign. - March 24, 2017 is the deadline for everyone to do outreach.</p> <p><i>Action (c): Partner with Capitol Community College and Hartford Public Schools on a pilot to promote HPV vaccination.</i></p> <p>- This is on hold; they need to find a lead for this. - Southern Connecticut State University is also involved with this.</p>	
	<p><u>Strategy: Develop plan for a mandate for HPV vaccination for youth in CT.</u></p> <p>- More education has been done, especially on the provider side (i.e. webinars etc.) - Cathy shared an article published in <i>Connecticut Medicine</i>. The article titled, 'If There Were a Vaccine Against Cancer' was written by Commissioner Raul Pino (and drafted by Kathy Kudish). The journal reaches 15,000 to 20,000 physicians in Connecticut.</p>	<p>- Kathy K. agreed to explore copyright issues regarding possible dissemination of the CT Medicine article. - Cathy will share the link to the <i>Connecticut Medicine</i> article (http://conmed.csms.org/i/768261-january-2017) - Kris will approach the CT Nurses Assoc. and SBHCs. - Carol will approach the CT Assoc. of PH Nurses. - Cathy will approach the Am. Academy of Pediatrics.</p>
-Objective: Reduce by 5% the number of diagnosed cases of HIV overall, among men who have	<p><u>Strategy: Implement routine screening progs. to increase early detection of HIV.</u></p> <p>- HIV Prevention staff will be working with five sites to discuss routine screening initiatives with Dulce. An update will be provided at the next meeting.</p>	

<p>sex with men (MSM) and among black females.</p>	<p>-CIRA staff are implementing a survey of Yale emergency providers to see what the barriers are to implementing routine screening. Laretta Grau is working on this.</p> <p><u>Strategy: Develop coordinated HIV surveillance, prevention and care data systems to monitor Connecticut trends in the HIV continuum and effectively target resources/ interventions.</u></p> <p><i>Action (a): Coordinate data collection, identify data needs, and evaluate approaches for identifying people who are unaware of their status and link them to care.</i></p> <p>-This is being coordinated through <i>Data to Care</i>. The HIV Programs received technical assistance from GEARS (funded by the CDC).</p> <p>-1st Quarter: Will have <i>Data to Care</i> plan developed (March 31st)</p> <p>-2nd Quarter: (End of June)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIS staff will be hired • Progress will be made on data linkages • <i>Data to Care</i> plan will be implemented <p>Action (c): Provide training for local EIS staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This action item was taken off. <p><u>Strategy: Increase referrals to partner services.</u></p> <p><i>Action: Establish partner referral services throughout the state at healthcare facilities.</i></p> <p>-Review data on models of partner notification from all NE states to identify possible enhancements to CT partner referral program working with NE State Health Dept. STI Consortium.</p> <p>-Heidi has all of the models.</p> <p>- A paper was published on results of NE partner referral programs in March 2017. Report will be disseminated.</p>	<p>Heidi will send an update to Sandy. This was completed.</p>
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Next Steps	Next Action Team Meeting – TBD	