



Director’s Advisory Council (DAC) on Local Public Health Meeting

**August 17, 2016
MINUTES**

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS

Nicholas Hughey (in person)	Jodi Waltman (phone)
Becky Hunt (in person)	Elizabeth Gibson (phone)
Hope Woodson (phone)	Olivia “Jean” McBride (phone)
Andrew Warlen (in person)	Robert Niezgoda (absent)
Kristi Campbell (in person)	Rhonda Suter (absent)
Debra Hoehn (in person)	Ruth Walters (phone)
Bridgette Casey (in person)	Tom Emerson (phone)
Brett Siefert (phone)	

PRESENTERS

Peter Lyskowski
Jo Anderson
Lisa Brown
Ken Palermo
Rachael Hahn

Diane Weber (MoALPHA), Gary Zaborac (Clay), Tracie McClendon-Cole (Kansas City), Angie Hittson (Franklin), Jackie McCoy (Recorder), and 10 additional guests were also in attendance.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome and Introductions <i>Becky Hunt, DAC Chair, Administrator, Madison County Health Department</i>	<p>The meeting was called to order by Becky Hunt, Chair, followed by a welcome and introductions. Becky welcomed two new members to the Director’s Advisory Council (DAC), Bridgette Casey, Jackson County Health Department, and Tom Emerson, Lafayette County Health Department.</p> <p><u>Election of Chair and Vice-Chair</u> The election for Director’s Advisory Council (DAC) Chair and Vice-Chair was held. Unanimously, Andrew Warlen was elected Chair and Becky Hunt was elected as Vice-Chair.</p>	
DHSS Updates <i>Peter Lyskowski, Director, Department of Health and Senior Services</i>	<p><u>Budget Updates</u> Peter Lyskowski shared with the group that due to corporate revenues being down, the Governor had to withhold part of the FY17 budget. The Department is currently preparing the FY18 budget. With the election of a new Governor, the transition process includes a period of education following the election. Peter will embrace the opportunity to educate him and his staff</p>	

	<p>of the important roles of public health and their programs. Peter may call upon the Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs) to meet with the Governor and/or his staff to hear directly from them.</p> <p><u>Legislative Update</u> New laws go into effect August 28.</p> <p>Beginning January 1, 2018 adoptees may obtain a copy of their original birth certificates. Adoptees born prior to 1941 can request a copy of their original birth certificate as early as August 29, 2016. The Department anticipates interests in this bill and if the LPHAs have questions, please call DHSS.</p> <p>Peter mentioned that his goal is to visit each 115 local public health agencies by October 2017.</p> <p>Director Lyskowski presented Becky Hunt, with a certificate of appreciation for her service as Chair to the DAC.</p> <p>Harold Kirbey shared that on August 29, the Department will be filing a new emergency rule for a new reportable condition called Carbapenem-Resistant <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> (CRE) (nosocomial infection). Zika and Chikungunya are also specifically mentioned in the same emergency rule. Reprints will be made to the reportable disease list.</p>	
<p>Zika Update <i>Lisa Brown, DCPH</i> <i>Deputy Director</i></p>	<p>Ken Palermo, Section for Disease Prevention, stated that the surveillance efforts to determine what types of species of mosquitoes actually exist in Missouri are ongoing since early June. As of Monday, August 15, there have been no <i>Aedes aegypti</i> larvae or adults found. <i>Aedes albopictus</i> is the most predominant and abundant species. Ken is exploring the options of getting messages to impact behavioral change in reducing mosquito breeding habitats. They are also close to initiating messaging about reducing the</p>	

exposure of mosquito bites and habitats. , DHSS is approaching the cases related to travel transmission to be pro-active and responsive in the event there is a local transmission. Zika infections transcend programmatically with a lot of public health issues because it is not only vector borne but sexually transmitted and recognizes need for appropriate education and messaging. He thanked the LPHAs for their help and collaboration as everyone learns more about Zika.

Becky raised a concern in her county with the Department of Natural Resources' limit ability on the tire cleanup collection program. Ken stated that tires are the biggest breeding ground for mosquitos and with the data that is collected, as far as where mosquitos are found of any species, will be supportive in helping show that this is a real concern. Becky hopes this concern can be focused on and brought to the legislators at the next session. Jodi Waltman asked if the survey is being altered to reflect the areas that are affected by the flood. Discussion was that the Zika related mosquitoes are not flood plain dwellers.

Lisa Brown expressed the importance of continued conversations like this one in order to be able to build a more comprehensive, sustainable surveillance program moving forward.

Jodi is concerned that we have an asymptomatic sexually transmitted disease but we are screening pregnant women to discover if they have sexually transmitted Zika. Jodi doesn't feel there is enough education being done on the risk from sexual transmission.

Ken affirmed that on all new materials it is referenced that it is a sexually transmitted disease. Materials are also being created specifically for OB-Gyn offices to find out where these women have traveled.

Nick Hughey asked in the areas that don't have vector control, will it be the role of the LPHA to conduct fogging or spraying?

Harold answered by explaining that the LPHAs primary role is to make sure their agency has the information needed to refer inquiries to the correct licensed applicators, but also about what is most effective for the particular species. It was suggested to have a packet made available for such inquiries. Nick also stated that many rural counties don't have a nuisance ordinance to assist with clean-up of debris. Is there any state law that would allow LPHAs to order neighbors to clean up debris?

Peter answered if there was a state of emergency they would have a broad authority, but haven't thought of, when have a case do environment assessment. The question was raised if there was a clear definition of public health emergency? Peter stated that there wasn't, as this was intentionally broad..

Gary asked for clarification that *Albopictus* is in Missouri and asked for its distribution since it could be a vector of Zika. It was explained that *Albopictus* feeds off other mammals and feeds only once and hasn't been shown to be an efficient vector unlike *Aegypti* whose prefers humans and bites multiple humans increasing risk of disease spread. Harold said we currently have GIS maps of collection sites and would like to have the data from the collections first. The plan would be to use the expertise of the universities' entomologists to provide criteria for collection sites and then get feedback from the DAC and LPHAs regarding sites in their communities that meet that criteria. Testing is continuing through the season and with the volume of mosquitos being pinned is very time consuming because they are looking at each mosquito that is trapped.

Rachael Hahn, Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention presented the DAC with three documents that are shared with the LPHAs whenever there is a case of Zika. These documents are:

- 1) Basic Zika Investigation Guide

- 2) Zika Case Investigation Summary
- 3) Zika Case Investigation Report Form

These documents are to guide the investigation. These are not posted online intentionally because they change so often and we don't want out-of-date forms being used for investigations. She presented these as an update to what the current investigation and human surveillance looks like for those LPHAs that have not had Zika cases thus far. Should an LPHA have a case in the future, the District Epidemiologist will provide the current forms to guide case investigations

Rachael explained that webinars were held to guide the LPHAs that wanted to do approvals within their jurisdictions.

Rachael is seeing that a majority of testing approvals are coming to DHSS staff who also provide prevention information via the patient information sheet to the provider.

A month after a case has been identified, staff want to go back and make sure no one in the family or in close contact has developed symptoms.

Lisa mentioned that the state public health lab is the only way these are being tested so a lot of information that was being gathered as part of the screening and approval process and very tight follow-up. Now commercial labs are testing and we are trying to monitor and follow up on the back end and if there is a positive being reported we will inform the LPHA so we can have the same process in place. Since the private labs testing capability is limited they can only provide PCR testing and then make sure providers are aware. If they are testing in the wrong timeframe and using PCR, we could potentially be missing a case. Lisa stated the provider education information piece is critical. There are many efforts being used in addition to the health alerts Dr. Turabelidze, State Epidemiologist, along with Missouri Health Association (MHA) have recorded a webinar for providers. Lisa will inform the locals when these are put on our website.

	<p>Rachael mentioned there will be a separate guidance out in a couple of weeks on procedure to do environmental testing from the Office of Veterinary and Public Health. Jodi wanted to know if it is the LPHAs responsibility to notify the pregnant woman of the pregnancy registry and should they get them enrolled? Also, is there a registry for the baby? Rachael stated that there is a pregnancy registry for the mother and baby to follow for a certain time and generally, notification would come from the LPHA but the Department can also lend support. Jodi mentioned that Florida has already set up the policy that these babies are automatically referred to the First Step Program to address potential developmental issues. Harold said we could look into this for Missouri.</p> <p>Rachael is looking to fill a Zika Coordinator position when funding is approved. This position would take the lead on following up on the Zika Pregnancy Registry.</p>	
<p>Closing Remarks and Discussion <i>Jo Anderson, Director, Center for Local Public Health Services</i></p>	<p><u>DAC/DHSS Public Health Workgroup Update</u></p> <p>A survey to measure baseline of LPHAs’ current capacity of performing the activities associated with foundational public health program areas and LPHA data needs was developed and is being conducted. Response due date is August 18 but will be extended to August 25. The survey results will be used to tell if we’re making an improvement over time and to help guide project activities. The DAC/DHSS Governmental Public Health Workgroup met July 6-7 for action planning and an initial project was identified by each of the four sub-workgroups. On August 11 the workgroup met and reviewed the action plans and discussed where there were common actions needed and prioritization of those actions to help us move forward. The discussion focused on outreach and communication about governmental public health in general and about the priorities</p>	

	given the upcoming elections.	
Other items	Gary inquired about the timeline for LPHA feedback for mosquito surveillance that was requested. Harold indicated it would be after the collection was complete by Missouri State University and when we could convene the academic partners to provide criteria.	
Next Meeting:	November 16, 2016.	