

Data Use and Network Content (DUNC) Meeting

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Seattle Workshop Update:

Overall EPHT needs from now to September of 2008

Rodney discussed CDC's completion plans for the first phase of EPHT implementation. This first phase must be done by September of 2008 with the states sending nationally consistent data and the CDC having a central internet "portal" where secure (username and password) and public users can access data and tools. Michael McGeehin, the Director of the CDC Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, emphasized the need for on-time completion. This need was highlighted by a letter from Senator Hillary Clinton to the CDC about the goals and timelines of the EPHT program.

Rodney and Marina discussed the new Technical Network Implementation Plan (TNIP) for the National EPHT Network. Rodney will email the draft version to DUNC participants.

Draft Indicators Summary

Marina discussed the draft indicators and the data that will be required to create these indicators. The group also discussed issues of geographic resolution, aggregation levels, and methods of representing suppressed data. The summary of the draft indicators is on the EPHT website at http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/epht/docs/OTAG/Draft_Indicators_Summary_0407.pdf.

Lead Producing Facilities GIS Demonstration:

Rodney demonstrated the use of GIS with data showing locations of facilities storing lead, distance to schools, and population density. Gregg Lande noted that the facilities data, which is from the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI), includes the quantity of toxic material stored, which is not necessarily related to the quantity of toxins released into the environment. Since the quantity of toxins stored is not verified, and both under or over reporting frequently occur, TRI data is only useful for identifying toxin locations, not for questions about quantities stored or released.

Next Steps

In light of the implementation deadline, Greg Lande suggested we develop a list of tasks that EPHT staff and DUNC can accomplish in the next eighteen months. There was agreement on this approach and on the suggestion that the first task be formalization of *Trading Partner Agreements* (TPAs). EPHT staff will develop a TPA template and a task list for the next meeting.

Agenda for next meeting (Wednesday 5/23/07, 3-4:00 pm, Room 827A):

1. Present a summary of the TNIP and a task list for the next 18 months of implementation.
2. Review and discuss the task list; set priorities and start work on task one (TPAs).