

# SWC Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Coalition (HPAC) Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2018

## Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health / West Conference Room

**Present at meeting:** Crystalynn Kuntz, Kalen Ost, Valerie Vinchattle, Doris Weiss, Becky Worden, Janessa Vogel, Becky Ternes, Neil Johnson, Rochelle Schaffer, Anna Odenbach, Cindy Urmson, Kendra Roeder, Vicki Butler, Deb Goetz, Darren Repnow, Kathy Speidel, Vanessa Raile

**Via IVAN:** Wishek Community Hospital; Kidder County, Steele; Emmons County, Linton; Sakakawea Medical Center, Hazen; Custer Health, Mandan; McIntosh County, Ashley

### AGENDA

#### ➤ **Infection Control: What can we do to protect our facilities?**

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Power Point Presentation attached: "Infection Prevention Focuses"

- Infection Control Domains for GAP Assessment
  - Acute Care: Infection Control Program and Infrastructure; Infection Control Training, Competency, and Implementation of Policies and Practices; Systems to Detect, Prevent and Respond to Healthcare-Associated Infections and Multidrug-Resistant Organisms.
  - Long Term Care: Infection Control Program and Infrastructure; Healthcare Personnel and Resident Safety; Surveillance and Disease Reporting; Hand Hygiene; PPE; Respiratory/Cough Etiquette; Antibiotic Stewardship; Injection safety and Point of Care Testing; Environmental Cleaning
- ND DoH HAI (Healthcare-Associated Infections) website link: <http://www.ndhealth.gov/disease/hai/> Refer for Educational Materials, Training (both past and future), Resources, Publications, Outbreak Reporting Form for Institutions/Health Care, and Reporting.
- "What's on First Risk Assessment" power point presentation attached
- NDDoH will be offering an Infection Control Workshop March 20-21, 2019 in Bismarck

### COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

#### ➤ **Current Updates**

- **Measles:** NDDoH reported a Measles Case in Burleigh County September 4, 2018, but 2 days later the CDC testing determined the individual to be negative for measles. So far in 2018 the US has had 137 cases of measles. The last case reported in ND was from Cass County in 2011.
- **WNV (West Nile Virus) Update:** As of October 10, 2018 there have been 184 WNV disease cases reported to NDDoH. Fifty of the 184 cases have been hospitalized.
- **STD/Syphilis:** CDC released the 2017 STD Surveillance Report and found that STDs have continued to increase in the US and are at an all-time high. ND is seeing a trend continue for 2018, with expected increases for gonorrhea and syphilis.
- **TB (Tuberculosis):** NDDoH issued a Health Advisory October 31, 2018 investigating a person in NE part of the state diagnosed with TB who is linked to an outbreak first identified in 2010. A second case is pending confirmation but may also be linked to this outbreak. Since March 2010, 37 people have been reported due to this outbreak.

- **Pertussis:** NDDoH issued a Health Advisory November 16, 2018 they are seeing a rise in pertussis cases, mostly in school-aged children in Ward County. So far in 2018, 41 cases have been reported.
- **2018-2019 Weekly Influenza Update Week Ending 11/10/2018:** [www.ndflu.com](http://www.ndflu.com)
  - 50 cases reported for the week, 358 cumulative cases for the season, Local Activity level. Last year at this time there were only 10 cases for the week and 53 total cases. The count decreased again this week but is still above the activity seen last year at this time. Nationally activity is slowly increasing. Predominant strain so far has been the 2009 H1N1 pandemic strain although it is too early to tell if this will be the predominate strain overall.
  - 50% of cases have been age <10; 60% have been age <19; only 8% have been age >60.
  - 3 outbreaks in Long Term Care, Basic Care, Assisted Living and 1 outbreak in a Child care setting
  - 13 hospitalizations this season and 1 reported death.
  - Now is a great time for those who have not been vaccinated to do so as soon as possible – especially with the holiday travel and socializing coming up.

### ➤ In the News

- **Romaine Lettuce *E. coli* Outbreak Recall:** CDC issued a Food Safety Alert November 20, 2018 advising consumers, restaurants, and retailers **not to eat, serve, or sell any romaine lettuce** as it investigates an outbreak of *E. coli* O157:H7 infections linked to romaine. This investigation is ongoing and the advice will be updated as more information is available.  
Wash and sanitize drawers and shelves where romaine lettuce was stored.
- **Ground Turkey *Salmonella* Outbreak Recall:** CDC issued a Food Safety Alert November 16, 2018 outbreak linked to raw turkey products with recall information for ground turkey that may be contaminated with *Salmonella*. **Do not eat, sell, or serve recalled Jennie-O brand ground turkey products.**

### ➤ Trends

## ROUNDTABLE SHARING

- BBPH FAC training exercise next Thursday November 29 with both CHI St Alexius and Sanford
- NDDDES Website Training: <https://www.nd.gov/des/training/>  
- G290 Basic Public Information Officer: April 16-17, 2019 in Bismarck

### ➤ Next Meeting: January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- CMS requirements and Information, Crys will present what is needed.
- Bring your idea/plans to share for what you want to focus on next year.