

NTCA FY2010 Funding Formula Workgroup
Conference call – June 25, 2008 (3-4pm ET)

Workgroup members present: Kashef Ijaz, Stuart McMullen, Marie Dorsinville, Tom Navin, Pat Infield, Bev Metchok, Angelito Bravo, Masa Narita, Barry Dickman, Greg Andrews, Tiffany Harris

- Kashef Ijaz called the meeting to order. Kashef Ijaz and Phil Griffin presented an update on the Funding Formula Workgroup's activities at ACET. The presentation includes a review of objectives and the formula, discussion on what variables could potentially be deleted and the progress on the big city funding allocation. The presentation also stated that Washington DC will be considered as a separate category because it is not part of a state, thus will need to be funded as a city. ACET was very appreciative of the workgroup's efforts, particularly concerning the big city funding allocation. The audience at ACET had the following suggestions/ feedback:

- Data from the surveillance system must support recommendations
- Social variables should be examined
- At the end of the process some additional variables could be examined for future funding allocation formulas
- Direct funding through states rather than through big cities should be considered as a potential recommendation from the workgroup
- In addition to looking at the formula, look at modeling

- At the previous workgroup meeting, it was proposed that the group invite a representative from Global Migration and Quarantine to attend a conference call to discuss the Class B variable and EDN. A representative will be available on July 9th to attend the meeting. Questions for discussion at that time will be:

- How much information is captured for secondary migration?
- Is there a timeline for the complete rollout of EDN?
- Will there be data migration between EDN and the previous system?

These questions will be sent to the Global Migration and Quarantine representative for review.

- Greg Andrews has been working on the calculations discussed at the previous meeting. These numbers will be sent out for review before the next conference call next week.

- Bev Metchok gave an update on the lab subcommittee. The group has been actively meeting and has identified three to five elements to include in the future formula. She will provide an update for the next workgroup meeting.

- Four variables have been proposed for inclusion in the funding allocation formula that are on the new RVCT but not the existing version. These variables include:

- Co-morbidity with diabetes
- Confirmed case not counted
- Immigration status
- Reactivation

These variables cannot be used for the next funding allocation formula because there is no trend data yet available. The CDC discussed this issue internally and proposed introducing these variables in 2013 when trend data becomes available. This option would provide the opportunity to examine these variables now but delay their inclusion in the formula. For the sake of consistency, variables used must be reportable to CDC through the surveillance system. Some of the funding formula variables would then be based on five year data and the new variables would be based on three year data. In this case, the best way to approach the data is to examine all of the variables for a three year time period, rather than examining different variables for different time periods. If the funding is in 2013, there will be at best 2 ½ year of data because the announcement will be in the summer. The group decides that it may be advantageous to wait for 2015 to include these new variables so that there will be adequate trend data and so that the data will be robust.

- The CDC subcommittee members will be looking at the data for the big city variables to be discussed at a future workgroup meeting.
- The next conference call will be on July 2nd.