

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

Workgroup members present: Phil Griffin, Angelito Bravo, Barry Dickman, Pat Infield, Stuart McMullen, Jim Cobb, Masa Narita, Al Forbes, Kashef Ijaz, Greg Andrews, Andy Heetderks, Denise Ingman, Kim Field, Charles Wallace.

- Phil Griffin called the meeting to order. Greg Andrews stated that it will take some time to run the data for the scenarios. The data should be available before the next meeting. He will send the numbers to Phil Griffin to distribute to the group.
- Phil Griffin expressed concern for how well EDN could be used for Class B1/B2 data. It is unknown how valid, reliable or stable the current data will be with the transitions occurring. Al Forbes stated that the EDN system has only been deployed in approximately 30 states so far. After the system is deployed in all states, it will be several years before trend data can be analyzed. The old system will be retired sometime this year. This summer, the EDN system should be deployed in all jurisdictions. Phil Griffin stated that deployment and access to data are separate issues and just because the system is deployed does not mean it will be up and running because there is a training curve for this system. Al Forbes stated that a CDC proposal has been put forward to have a conference/ training in the coming weeks at CDC. At least one person from each jurisdiction that uses the EDN system will be invited to come to training and brainstorm on EDN issues. Al Forbes stated that it would be helpful to have someone from DQ answer specific questions concerning EDN data.
- The Dear Colleague Letter will be sent out to all jurisdictions. The letter will include an update on the addition of the big city objectives, a reminder of the information on the website and a list of workgroup representatives.
- Greg Andrews stated that the lab subcommittee has started from scratch to redefine what can be captured from the current data set and to restructure the formula. Emphasis has been placed on turn around times and differences in integrated systems.
- Kashef Ijaz stated that Washington DC must be placed in a separate category for consideration of big city funding. While Washington DC does not have the number of cases that other big cities do, they do not receive state funding. Washington DC therefore must receive direct cooperative funding from CDC. Suggested funding categories follow:
 - 50 states
 - 9 big cities
 - Washington DC
 - Territories and Puerto Rico

- Before continuing funding discussion, additional information must be collected concerning B1/ B2 and scenario data. The next conference call will be on June 25th. Kashef Ijaz will lead the call. Reminder, there will not be meetings for the next two weeks due to NTCA and ACET. Greg Andrews will work with DQM to be on the next call.