

EDN Work Group Meeting Minutes
Thursday 1/10/2013, 10 am (PDT), 1 pm (EST)

1. Roll Call

- Region 1; Adam Palmer (R), Maureen Murphy (TB)
- Region 2: Kate Penrose (R)
- Region 3: Phil Lowenthal (TB) and Marisa Ramos (R)
- Region 4: Blain Mamo (R) and Alicia
- Region 5: Sam Householder and Amira Sutton (R) and Shameer Poonja (TB)
- CDC: Meghan Weems, Daniel Wenger, Kendra Cuffe, Rossanne Philen
- Guests: none

2. EDN Update

(Meghan) Training is underway for new users and jurisdictions added after the December 2012 release. Competing priorities, the vaccine project, has slowed the training schedule down.

3. Follow-up on EDN Requests and Priorities

As mentioned above, priority has been given to the vaccine project. Work request and priorities for this workgroup have not moved forward at this time.

4. Inter-jurisdictional transfer protocol

(Kendra and Daniel) A system has been set up to track the TB information and by whom it was entered, so more than one state or jurisdiction can receive credit for the portion they completed. Developers are creating an audit trail that will capture evaluation and treatment data with each "save". This functionality should credit the appropriate jurisdiction for NTIP calculations and prevent overwriting of previously entered information when jurisdiction is transferred.

(Maureen) Will the audit trail/algorithm be shared with states for validation of data?

(Daniel) There currently has not been a plan to do so, but I am sure we can provide that to states.

(Kendra) The Inter-jurisdictional transfer/Secondary Migration protocol will be sent for clearance by CDC, DTBE/DGMQ.

5. EDN User Issues

(Daniel) International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Refugee Processing Center (RPC) overseas are responsible for data entry and filling out various forms. The three issues below are tied to data entry operators being overwhelmed. EDN should receive electronic records from IOM and the RPC within two days. Both IOM and RPC experienced brief technical problems with their IT systems in the past 1-2 months. EDN continues to send weekly requests to IOM and RPC for missing records. Immigrant and asylee records come through Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and not from IOM.

(Rossanne) Additionally, there was a significant increase in the number of refugees for the year, and the end of year "push" created a bottleneck in data entry and processing.

- a. Several states expressed concerns with the ongoing delay in EDN notification (>2/3 wks). See attached document detailing delays in New Jersey.

(Daniel)

- b. Notification delays are also coinciding with the NTCA/DGMQ/NAACHO REACH'M project and Connecticut is receiving phone calls from immigrants but is unable to assist them because their records haven't been posted in EDN yet.
- c. Noticed occasional discrepancies in documenting the scanned information from the Panel Physicians into the EDN system. The discrepancies are specifically related to vaccines, and classifications. The vaccine issue seems to be associated with the difficulty in deciphering the information written by the Panel Physicians which is at times written in their language. (New Jersey)
- d. Please correct the spelling of "Microscopy" on the first page of the TB Follow-up Worksheet (C12)?

6. New Issues

Scanned documents and the Vaccination Pilot Project: Users can expect the DS-3025 scanned form (Vaccination documentation worksheet) to be discontinued in the overseas packet within the next couple of months. Up-to-date vaccination details will be available in the electronic records portion of EDN. DS-3025 instructions for the vaccine project will be forthcoming sometime over the next few months. Initial implementation will only occur in five countries, but these countries account for 58% of all U.S. bound refugees.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 14th, 10 am PDT (1 pm EST)