

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

1. Roll Call

- Region 1; Adam Palmer (R), Maureen Murphy (TB)
- Region 2: Kate Penrose (R) Jose Zabala (TB)
- Region 3: Phil Lowenthal (TB) and Nuny Cabanting (R)
- Region 4: Jason Cummins (TB)
- Region 5: Amira Sutton (R)
- Washington: Justina Novak, Sherry Carlson
- CDC: Meghan Weems, Daniel Wenger, Kendra Cuffe
- Guests: none

2. EDN Update

(Meghan & Daniel)

a. Delays:

Refugee Processing Center (RPC) continues to experience a significant delay with data entry for all newly arriving refugees. EDN helpdesk staff is aware of the resulting delay in notifications to states and are working to develop a short term contingency plan to address the problem.

b. Vaccination Pilot Project Arrivals:

Arrivals will begin showing up this month. An upgrade is scheduled for release the week of March 18-22, 2013. Meghan will send an email to EDN users alerting them to changes to the system prior to release. The electronic information will now include vaccinations given after the medical exam forms were completed (scanned documents). A button will also be added for quick printing of the vaccine page.

3. EDN User Issues

a. Is there a protocol for the EDN Helpdesk when transferring records to other states?

A suggestion was made for EDN helpdesk staff to remind users that they should first call the other state before requesting that the helpdesk transfer a record. The generic email that is generated and sent to states does not specify the alien number, leaving states without knowledge of who left or the ability to enter follow-up data in their possession. There is concern that the EDN helpdesk could transfer a record from one state to another before the primary state has entered TB follow-up information. Furthermore, there is concern that records could be transferred out of a state without the primary state being aware. EDN is working on an upgrade that will allow the primary state and the secondary state to see and edit the record.

b. Request for EDN report that lists transferred records

EDN is developing a line list report showing records that have been transferred out of a state/jurisdiction.

- c. EDN line listed reports
NTIP users can access line listed data to validate reports contained in the NTIP database. A request has been made for EDN to contain similar functionality. This is being discussed at DTBE and EDN. More information will be provided as decisions are made.
- d. Passive reading rights:
EDN developers are finalizing work to allow clinics and FQHCs passive reading rights to EDN records. Numerous states have clinics and staff outside of the State Health Department and they need access to EDN. All passive users will require prior approval from their respective state refugee or state TB programs. Each state will need to determine if there are issues with HIPPA and confidentiality laws. This new function will take passive users to a landing page where they can conduct a search if the following information is provided: 1) alien number *and* 2) name *or* date of birth. Passive users will not have an Alien List page like other users. They will be able to search and see names and alien numbers belonging to other states, but they will not be able to open these records. State programs will be contacted by EDN to determine the level of interest and to discuss adding new users. States can also directly contact EDN to express their interest.
- e. Not all Special Immigrant VISAs (SIV) are being entered into EDN:
SIVs do not follow the same path as refugees and their migration is difficult to track. SIV holders are not always provided copies of their documents and/or IOM bags are taken and not returned if they pass through JFK and Newark Quarantine Stations. Staffing at these two quarantine stations has been a problem and data entry is not always possible when they are short. EDN does not always receive advance notice for SIVs, sometimes Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is responsible for their processing and their records are not shared with EDN.

4. New Issues

- a. Will remarks regarding TST measurements show up in the electronic version of the EDN records? TST results are often mentioned in handwritten notes or the remarks section of the scanned documents, but they are not entered into the electronic data section. This occurs in the records of children most often. In that situation you may see a remark referring you to see scanned documents.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 9th, 10 am Pacific Time (1 pm Eastern Time)