

**Core Public Health Committee Meeting  
March 16, 201**

- WIC Update – Maryanne Burghardt
  - Crossroads was fully implemented statewide December 2014; 1.8.2 version is in production and 1.10.2 version is in testing; stable environment; call volume has decreased and calls are generally user related; agencies will be notified 10-12 days prior to 1.10.2 production; “blip” in sandbox access was resolved
  - Continue to see decreases in participation; last 2 months decreased after stabilization July – September; concern re: funding as decreased participation results in decreased funding (local and State); not attributable to Crossroads; February 2015 lowest participation at 239,228 statewide; three areas of outreach to address decreased participation:
    - Local agencies using features contained in Crossroads
    - National multi-platform media campaign
    - Regional outreach workgroup (launched via conference call next month)
  - EBT added to list of “thing to do;” if approved by FNS, piloting in 2017; October 1, 2020 is the federal deadline for implementation
- Zika Update (powerpoint attached)
  - Jennifer MacFarquar – How Zika Virus Infection is Reported
    - Emphasis on pregnant women due to apparent association with infection and microcephaly though testing may also be considered for others who meet certain criteria
    - Zika Testing Approval Process (attached)
    - Zika Pregnancy Registry being developed; will include pregnant women with case definition (suspect, probable or confirmed) and all asymptomatic pregnant women with laboratory evidence of Zika virus infection; states will determine how reporting and follow-up will work in their jurisdiction; CDC does not plan to release state-specific information, just aggregate
    - Billing for serial ultrasounds: continue as you are currently doing; if denied, explanation when resubmit will support payment approval
    - Check DPH website for frequent updates
  - Carl Williams
    - Mosquitoes responsible for spreading Zika Virus are common in NC (*Aedes albopictus* and *Aedes aegypti*)
    - Integrated Mosquito Management focuses on a variety of activities; chemical use should be used in compliance with NC Division of water Quality)
  - Larry Michael
    - Mosquito Control Survey conducted March 2016 with 73 responses re: mosquito control activities; partnering with WCU, ECU, and NCSU to conduct surveys in 15 counties and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base May - October; purpose to deter presence of container inhabiting mosquitoes in NC especially *Ae aegypti* and *Ae albopictus*; funds to hire 2 entomologists with

- plans to hire another one next FY; funds to provide additional personnel for lab testing
- Julie Casani
    - CDC Ebola supplement (AA 613) – timeline extended to June 2017; can use funds for high-consequence pathogens including Zika (in addition to Ebola)
    - Suggest 15 counties identified do not spend \$10,000 in preparedness budget in the current FY (all other counties, \$5,000); will reallocate these unspent funds in new FY; no reduction in funds but will have “money in the bank” July 1, 2016
  - Joint Monitoring Venture and CHA Due Dates - Phyllis Rocco
    - Joint monitoring Venture (JMV) – proposed pilot DPH monitoring schedule (attached) for MH, CH and Local Technical Assistance and Training Branch in 8 counties (starting April); developed due to concerns re: time consultants are in local agencies conducting chart reviews; exit interviews will be conducted via one-on-one or conference call; preference options will be offered when scheduling visit; health directors are encouraged to participate in the exit conference; letter from Phyllis re: what information will be needed; no new tools utilized
    - CHA due dates – since the due date was changed to March, can be confusing to DPH staff reviewing documents re: what assessment year; since some LHDs coordinating with hospital, should return to December due date or change to the due date for the hospital; will send survey monkey to HP staff; please consider for discussion at next meeting