



For Your Information – January 2007

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Events and Conferences

January 2007

Date	Name and Location
Jan. 24	Seeking Solutions: 2007 Environmental Health Lecture Series - Green Chemistry Town Hall Seattle Seattle, Washington For information: http://www.iceh.org/CHE-WAlectures.html

February 2007

Date	Name and Location
Feb. 1-2	2007 Employee Health Care Conference: Building a Culture of Health -- Making Change Work Waldorf-Astoria Hotel New York For information: www.conference-board.org/healthcare.htm

- Feb. 7 **Seeking Solutions: 2007 Environmental Health Lecture Series - Nanotech & Precaution**
 Town Hall Seattle
 Seattle, Washington
 For information: <http://www.iceh.org/CHE-WAlectures.html>
- Feb. 8-10 **6th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference**
 Westin Bonaventure Hotel
 Los Angeles, California
 For information: <http://www.newpartners.org/>
- Feb. 12-13 **2007 National Health Policy Conference**
 Washington, DC
 For information: <http://www.academyhealth.org/nhpc/>

March 2007

- | Date | Name and Location |
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| Mar. 15-16 | 2007 Employee Health Care Conference: Building a Culture of Health -- Making Change Work
Hotel del Coronado
San Diego, California
For information: www.conference-board.org/healthcare.htm |
| Mar. 21 | Seeking Solutions: 2007 Environmental Health Lecture Series - Biofuels
Town Hall Seattle
Seattle, Washington
For information: http://www.iceh.org/CHE-WAlectures.html |
| Mar. 22 | A Northwest Conference on Patient Safety
Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport
Seattle, Washington
For information: https://www.regonline.com/eventinfo.asp?eventid=116556 |
| Mar. 22-23 | 20th Annual Northwest Regional Rural Health Conference: Balancing the Tensions - Do No Harm
Red Lion Hotel at the Park
Spokane, Washington
For information: Kaarin Appel, 509-358-7509, kappel@wsu.edu |

April 2007

- | Date | Name and Location |
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Seeking Solutions: 2007 Environmental Health Lecture Series - Sustainable Systems

Town Hall Seattle

Seattle, Washington

For information: <http://www.iceh.org/CHE-WAlectures.html>

May 2007

Date

Name and Location

May 15-16

2007 Northwest Immunization Conference

Portland, Oregon

For information: <http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=105809>

September 2007

Date

Name and Location

Sept. 18-21

National Association of Local Boards of Health

The Hotel Captain Cook

Anchorage, Alaska

For information: www.nalboh.org

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Correspondence

Correspondence from the Board

To: Mr. Steven Wilt

From: Mike Shelton, Acting Chair, Washington State Board of Health, December 21, 2006

Response to October 24, 2006 letter requesting the Board revise its rules for notifiable conditions to include Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease on the list of diseases required to be reported to public health authorities.

Correspondence to the Board

None.

Other Correspondence

None

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Local Boards of Health: Agendas and Meeting Minutes

Chelan-Douglas Health District Board of Health Agenda

December 18, 2006

General business - Call to order

Consent agenda

- a. approval of November 20, 2006 minutes
- b. approval of November payroll and benefits
- c. approval of payment vouchers 20060907 to 20060985
- d. consolidated contracts

Program update - T.O.E. (Threats, Outbreaks, and Exposures)

Board discussion

Public comments

New business

Unfinished business - 2007 budget

Reports

- a. administrator
- b. support services
- c. personal health services
- d. environmental health services

Adjournment

Chelan-Douglas Health District Board of Health Minutes

November 20, 2006

General business:

- a. call meeting to order

Consent agenda:

- a. approval of October 16, 2006 minutes
- b. approval of October payroll and benefits
- c. approval of vouchers no. 20060785 through 20060906
- d. approval of contracts

Program update - Pandemic Flu plan

Board discussion - none

Public comment

New business - resolution 2006-010: 4410 support

Unfinished business - none

Reports:

- a. administrator
- b. support services
- c. nursing director
- d. environmental health services

Adjournment

Grant County Board of Health Agenda

December 13, 2006

Approval of November 8, 2006 minutes

Public forum for citizen's comments and applications
Environmental health report
Personal health/administrator report
a. revised 2006 budget - action requested
b. adoption of 2007 budget - action requested
c. resolution 2006-3 - action requested
d. program priorities
e. contracts for 2006 and 2007 city/county contributions
Health officer's report
a. chicken pox/shingles
b. pan flu planning
c. funding
Approval of vouchers for November 30, 2006
Other business
Adjournment

Grant County Board of Health Minutes

November 8, 2006

Approval of October 11, 2006 minutes
Public forum for citizen's comments and applications
Environmental health report
a. quarterly report
b. well delegation contract
Personal health/administrator report
a. LTBI presentation
b. influenza immunizations
c. revision of 2006 budget
d. preliminary 2007 budget
Health officer's report
a. chicken pox update
b. pandemic flu planning
c. city and county contribution
Approval of vouchers for October 31, 2006
Other business
a. agenda format
Next meeting: December 13, 2006
Adjournment

Jefferson County Board of Health Agenda

December 14, 2006

Approval of agenda
Approval of November 16, 2006 minutes
Public comments
Old business and informational items:
a. west Nile virus newsletter - 2006 wrap-up
b. seasonal influenza update
c. 2007 assessment project update
d. new water quality division manager
e. fall 2006 region 2 public health newsletter

f. emergency preparedness - ham radio certifications
New business
a. appointment to substance abuse advisory board
b. Jefferson County public health heroes - follow-up report
c. Jefferson County sexually transmitted disease report 2005-2006
d. communicable disease control priority setting
Activity update
Agenda planning
Next meeting: January 18, 2007
Adjournment

Jefferson County Board of Health Minutes

November 16, 2006

Approval of Agenda
Approval of September 21, 2006 minutes
Public comments - none
Old business:
a. Additional human and animal West Nile cases in Washington
b. Jefferson County public health pandemic flu forum
c. State association of Local Boards of Health follow-up
d. Breast cancer prevention and girls night out
e. Updated 901 education letter
New business
a. 4410 public health funding update
b. On-site operation and maintenance - potential changes
c. Discover Bay shellfish protection district
d. Green business awards
e. Substance abuse advisory board nomination
Activity update
a. Public health heroes
Agenda planning
Next scheduled meeting: December 14, 2006

Snohomish County Board of Health Agenda

December 12, 2006

Call to order
Roll call
Chair's report
a. date and location of annual dinner meeting
b. update on hiring of new health officer
Health officer's report
a. recognition of Rita Mell as the health district employee of the quarter
b. monthly report
Approval of November 14, 2006 and November 17, 2006 minutes
Public comment period
Committee reports and standing reports
a. administration committee
b. program policy committee
c. standing reports and comments

- communicable disease report
- community health division report
- environmental health division report
- vital statistics report
- financial report

Consent agenda

- a. approval of resolution 06-21
- b. approval of contract for business process analysis and documentation project
- c. approval of creation of public health reserve corps coordinator

Executive session

- a. personnel issues

Action items

- a. possible action related to health officer position
- b. approval of 2007 region 1 public health emergency preparedness and response budget
- c. approval of 2007 region 3 HIV/AIDS budget
- d. approval of 2007 women, infants, and children budget
- e. approval of resolution 06-22

Discussion items

Information items

- a. see attached calendar for scheduled meetings

Other business

Adjournment

Snohomish Health District Board of Health Minutes

October 10, 2006

Call to order and roll call

Chair's report

- a. update on search to replace retiring health officer
- b. approval of resolution 06-16

Health officer's report

- a. distribution of flu season messages
- b. monthly report
- c. human cases of H5N1 infection
- d. west Nile virus
- e. E. Coli from raw milk
- f. gonorrhea continues to increase

Approval of September 12, 2006 minutes

Public comment period - none

Committee reports and standing reports

- a. Program policy committee

Other

Consent agenda

- a. Approval of resolution 06-14 and 06-15

Action Items

- a. Approval of Wireless Communication Device Acquisition and Employee Use Policy

Discussion items

- a. Revised strategic plan discussion and possible action
- b. Update on Joint Select Committee and Public Health Financing

Information items - a calendar for scheduled meetings in October and November was provided

Executive Session - none
Other business - none
Adjournment

Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health Agenda

December 21, 2006

Call to Order

Roll Call

Executive Session – Potential/Threatened Litigation (RCW § 42.30.110(1)(i))

Action Items

a. Resolution 06-09 - Supporting the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Public Health Financing

b. Motion and/or Resolution Regarding Potential/Threatened Litigation. (The Board may or may not take action on this item.)

Next Board of Health Meeting – January 18, 2007

Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Agenda

January 3, 2006

Comments by the public

Consent agenda

a. approval of December 6, 2006 minutes

b. approval of resolutions 2006-3933 through 2006-3937

Regular Agenda

a. approval of resolutions 2006-3938 through 2006-3958

Director of health comments

a. public health financing

b. Regence grant

Comments by board of health members

Executive session - to discuss pending legal and personnel issues

Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Agenda

December 6, 2006

Comments by the public

Consent agenda

a. approval of November 1, 2006 minutes

b. approval of resolutions 2006-3905 through 2006-3910

Regular Agenda

a. approval of resolutions 2006-3911 through 2006-3932

Director of health comments

a. quality improvement council

b. needle exchange update

c. public service announcements

d. walk-to-school day

Comments by board of health members

Executive session - to discuss pending legal and personnel issues

Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Minutes

November 1, 2006

Comments by the public

Consent Agenda

a. approval of September 6, 2006

b. resolution nos. 2006-3898 through 2006-3901

Regular agenda

a. resolutions nos. 2006-3902 through 2006-3904

Director of health report

a. negotiations

b. environmental health grant

c. health department space needs

Comments by Board of Health members

Executive session

Adjournment

Thurston County Board of Health Minutes

January 9, 2007

Call meeting to order

Election of Board of Health Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2007

a. approval of agenda

b. approval of October 2, 2006 and December 11, 2006 Minutes

Update on citizen issues

Opportunity for the public to address the board

Consent items

a. partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board Member appointment

b. resolution Supporting the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Public Health Financing

Wastemobile review – fall 2006

Expanded clean indoor air act (i-901) update

Healthy youth act 2007

Director's report

Health officer's report

Adjournment

Thurston County Board of Health Minutes

November 6, 2006

Call meeting to order

a. approval of agenda

b. approval of October 2, 2006 minutes

c. correspondence - Letter to the Joint Select Committee on Public Health Finance

Update on citizen issues - none

Opportunity for the public to address the board

Consent items:

a. STEPS 2006-2007 Gilmore Research Group Subcontract

b. Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board Member Appointment

c. Room Rate Extension for Sherri McDonald

Article IV update on revisions regarding undersized lots

Director's report

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Public Health Leadership Positions Available

Accountant

Kittitas County Health Department

Closes: December 29, 2006

For information: <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/hr/jobs.asp?jobID=364>

Child Welfare Investigator

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Closes: When Filled

For more information: <http://www.umatilla.nsn.us/jobs.html>

Department Director, Children and Family Services

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Closes: December 1, 2006

For more information: <http://www.umatilla.nsn.us/jobs.html>

Public Health Nurse II - Communicable Disease Prevention

Kittitas County Health Department

Closes: When Filled

For information:

<http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/hr/jobs.asp?jobID=347>

Public Health Nurse II - First Steps Program

Kittitas County Health Department

Closes: When Filled

For information:

<http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/hr/jobs.asp?jobID=348>

Senior Analyst - Operational Definition and Exploring Accreditation

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

Closes: When Filled

For information:

<http://www.naccho.org/careers/headquarters/HQ45.cfm>

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Publications - General Media

Ban trans-fats in 2007

Medscape, December 18, 2006

Partially hydrogenated vegetable fat is a disease-promoting artificial fat used primarily in fast food and other commercially manufactured fried and baked foods.[1] The trans fats in this synthetic ingredient

inflame the arteries and accelerate heart disease.[1] The average per-capita intake of 5 g per day in the United States increases the risk for heart disease by approximately 25%,[1] and a kids meal at McDonald's can have up to twice this amount of trans fat.[2]

Celebrity cruises asks for leniency in fine

Seattle PI, December 20, 2006

Weeks after the state imposed the largest possible fine for dumping more than 500,000 gallons of untreated wastewater in Washington waters, Celebrity Cruises is admitting mistakes by its management but asking state officials to reduce the penalty.

Mayor's curb on smoking is credited with saving lives

New York Times, December 21, 2006

Could Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's antismoking crusade have already saved hundreds of lives? It has, city health officials said yesterday. Smoking-related deaths in New York City fell by more than 800 a year from 2000 to 2005, a drop of more than 10 percent, according to the city's annual Summary of Vital Statistics report, released yesterday. Asked how much of that can be credited to the mayor's measures, Dr. Thomas R. Frieden, the city health commissioner, said, "I think most of it."

Study: Many kids too fat by preschool

The Seattle PI, December 29, 2006

Far too many kids are fat by preschool, and Hispanic youngsters are most at risk, says new research that's among the first to focus on children growing up in poverty. The study couldn't explain the disparity: White, black and Hispanic youngsters alike watched a lot of TV, and researchers spotted no other huge differences between the families.

Study warns of hunger among Hispanics

The Everett Herald, December 22, 2006

Nearly one in five Hispanics lacks sufficient access to nutritious food and one in 20 regularly goes hungry, posing serious health and economic risks to the nation's largest and fastest-growing minority group, according to a new study.

Trans-fat ban OK by park visitors

The News Tribune, December 28, 2006

The early reviews are mostly positive at the Universal Studios theme park in Hollywood, where the menu changed on Christmas Eve to cut unhealthy trans fats from many junk food favorites. Twelve-year-old Jack Xu noticed something different about his french fry. "It tastes drier and not too salty," he said, then added: "I still like it."

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Publications - Inside This Issue

Advances

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

<http://www.rwjf.org/publications/newsletterlist.jsp>

Alliance

Area Health Education Center, Fall 2006

www.wwahec.org

- Partnerships in dentistry results in new resources for two health professions schools
- Global healthcare volunteer opportunity
- Johns Hopkins medicine podcasts
- Newly released report ranks Washington 14th in state health
- Call for Abstracts: Rural Nurse Conference: "Growing Quality", June 13-15, 2007
- Washington Free clinic network holds first annual conference
- Surveys reveal Washington clinics expanding volunteer services
- Natalie Gonzalez honored at 3R Net Conference
- Health internship sites needed for summer of 2007
- Medical students help serve the underserved - they earn experience, while clinics get support
- NARMH posts rural best practices paper on web
- Joby foundation donates to WWAHEC
- State Health Officer, Dr. Maxine Hayes, elected to the Institute of Medicine
- WWAHEC new hire: Program Assistant Kiyan Smith

E-Health

Association of State and Territory Health Officials, December 2006

<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/2/archives.php?u=Jmk9Mg%3D%3D>

- ASTHO Activities ~ Breakthroughs in HIT session at APHA; Public health informatics featured at AMIA Symposium; PHIN Requirements Workshop
- Feature ~ Biosensible Indiana: State Provides Data to National Surveillance Program
- Informatics in the News ~ Vermont RHIO Announced; NY grants for data sharing; HL7 V2.5 for public health reporting; HHS RFI on genomics and HIT; Certification Criteria Expands to Specialties; Employers offer EHRs; EHRs improve bone density screening rates
- Announcements ~ Comments accepted on informatics competencies; Pay for Performance Summit in Feb. in CA; National Emergency Summit in March in LA; AMIA Spring Congress in May in FL

Elaborations

Department of Health, Vol. XI, Issue 11, December, 2006

http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/fsl/lqa_newsletters.htm

- Bioterrorism proficiency testing challenge: Who learned the most?
- Practice guidelines
- Basic Courses in Parasitology: A four part series

Environmental Health News

Association of State and Territory Health Officials, December 2006

<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/3/archives.php?u=Jmk9Mw%3D%3D>

- ASTHO news ~ Upcoming current employment opportunities at ASTHO, new Senior Director, Environmental Health Policy at ASTHO, and links to publications and newsletters.
- State funding opportunities ~ Funding opportunities available for state health agencies.
- State news ~ Environmental health news from New Jersey and Hawaii.
- Federal news ~ Environmental health news from EPA.
- Request for nominations ~ EPA seeks nominations for National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT).
- Request for comments ~ EPA seeks comments on children's chemical evaluation program and draft staff paper on lead air quality standards.

- New resources ~ New EPA chemical data, DEA Clandestine lab registry and TFAH annual preparedness report.
- Upcoming events ~ Conferences, workshops and webcasts for environmental health professionals.

Environmental Health News

Association of State and Territory Health Officials, November 2006

<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/3/archives.php?u=Jmk9Mw%3D%3D>

- ASTHO news ~ Upcoming HEES information, current employment opportunities at ASTHO, and links to publications and newsletters.
- State funding opportunities ~ Funding opportunities available for state health agencies.
- State news ~ Environmental health news from West Virginia.
- Federal news ~ Recall Notice from USDA
- Request for applications ~ CDC seeks new applicants to the EPHLI program.
- Request for comments ~ EPA seeks comments on children's chemical evaluation program.
- New resources ~ New CDC U.S. health data trends, EPA children's health data, and USDA food security reports available.
- Upcoming events ~ National meetings and conferences for environmental health professionals.

Environmental Health Perspectives

Journal of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Vol. 115, No. 1, January 2007

<http://www.ehponline.org/>

- Focus ~ The Weight of Lead: Effects Add Up in Adults
- Risk Assessment ~ Fish Consumption, Mercury, and Preterm Delivery
- Cardiovascular Disease ~ Long-Term Exposure to Traffic and AMI
- Carcinogenesis ~ BPA Exposure and Cancer Risk
- Infectious Disease ~ Potential Risks of Widespread Tamiflu Use
- Biomarkers ~ Urinary Environmental Biomarkers in Girls
- Mini-Monograph ~ Acute Leukemia in Children

EpiLog

Public Health Seattle & King County

<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/epilog/index.htm>

NewsBrief

National Association of Local Boards of Health, Third Quarter, 2006

www.nalboh.org

- NALBOH welcomes new DC director
- State Association of Local Boards of Health news
- Membership application
- Medical reserve corps - oral health
- Tobacco-free USA
- Environmental health and emergency preparedness
- 2006 MacNeal Scholarship recipients
- Report from Washington
- Calendar of events
- 2007 NALBOH Officers & Directors

Preventing Chronic Disease

CDC, Vol. 4, No. 1, January 2007

<http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/>

- From the editor in chief ~ Grandmother Spider: Connecting All Things
- Editorials ~ Wellness in Every Stage of Life: A New Paradigm for Public Health Programs; Reducing Information Pollution in the Internet Age
- Original research ~ Association between Physical Activity and Proximity to Physical Activity Resources among Low-Income, Midlife Women; Case Management Protocol and Declining Blood Lead Concentrations among Children; The Epidemic of Extreme Obesity among American Indian and Alaska Native Adults With Diabetes
- Modifiable Risk Factors for Developing Diabetes among Women with Previous Gestational Diabetes; Efficacy of an Emergency Department-based Motivational Teenage Smoking Intervention; Healthy Lifestyle Behaviors among Older U.S. Adults With and Without Disabilities, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2003; Factors Associated with Overweight and Obesity Among Mexican Americans and Central Americans: Results From the 2001 California Health Interview Survey
- The Costs of an Outreach Intervention for Low-Income Women with Abnormal PAP Smears
- Community case studies ~ The Healthy Diabetes Plate; State Diabetes Prevention and Control Program Participation in the Health Disparities Collaborative: Evaluating the First 5 Years
- Special topic ~ What Does the Population Attributable Fraction Mean?
- Tools & techniques ~ Local Health Departments and the Challenge of Chronic Disease: Lessons from California
- Step-by-step: making your communities healthier~ Building Community Capacity for Health Promotion in a Hispanic Community
- Letters to the editor ~ With Thanks and Appreciation; Public Health Attention for Physical Activity
- Errata ~ Erratum, Vol. 3: No. 3

Public Health Preparedness

Association of State and Territory Health Officials, December 2006

<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/9/archives.php?u=Jmk9OQ%3D%3D>

- Case Studies in Performance Measurement ~ Laboratory Surge Capacity Exercise: Cataclysmic Chain Reaction in Casper, Wyoming!
- APHL Position Statement on the Validation of Field Testing Kits and Devices ~ APHL Board Approves Position Statement on the Need for Validation of Field Testing Kits and Devices
- SNS Promising Practices ~ New ASTHO Initiative on SNS Promising Preparedness Practices
- States of Preparedness ~ New ASTHO Web page for Success Stories and Promising Practices
- The Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act ~ The Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act is signed into law
- ASTHO - Israel Preparedness Exchange ~ State Health Officials Study Israeli Public Health Preparedness Practices
- State News ~ Preparedness Activities in Alabama and Ohio
- Public Health Preparedness Resources and Reports ~ New Preparedness Resources
- Upcoming Events ~ Upcoming Preparedness Trainings and Meetings

State Health Notes

Forum for State Health Policy Leadership, Vol. 27, Issue 481, December 11, 2006

- Indiana plan would reduce smoking, expand coverage ~ Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels has proposed raising cigarette taxes and getting a federal waiver to improve Hoosiers' health and expand coverage.

- North Dakota tackles teen suicide, with success ~ After reaching frightening heights in the 1990's, youth suicide rates in North Dakota have been declining, thanks in part to a statewide suicide prevention project.
- Diabetes: 7 percent of Americans have the disease ~ States are using everything from tax exemptions to insurance mandates to tackle the rising tide of diabetes.
- Highlights ~ PA living wills...DE fitness "report cards"...Funds for stem cell research in CA...WI pharmacist shortage...TX bans smoking around foster kids
- Graphically speaking ~ People in consumer-directed health plans like the lower premiums and tax exemptions, but want better information on costs and quality.

Thrive!

Washington Health Foundation, Winter 2007

www.whf.org

- *Health Babies, Healthy Washington*
- *Are Medical Providers Lost in Translation?*
- *Heroes of Health Care*
- *HealthySystems: 2006 Governor's Community Health Bowl*
- *Healthy Highlights: Washington Wellness Works; State Workers Earn Points and Rewards with New Wellness Program*
- *Healthy Living: Celebrated Chef Corner: St Clouds*
- *ParaDocs*

WSMA Reports

Washington State Medical Association

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Publications - Highlighted Journal Articles

Preventing Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Among Adults: Use of Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine

MMWR, December 15, 2006, Vol. 55

Pertussis is an acute, infectious cough illness that remains endemic in the United States despite longstanding routine childhood pertussis vaccination (1). Immunity to pertussis wanes approximately 5--10 years after completion of childhood vaccination, leaving adolescents and adults susceptible to pertussis (2--7). Since the 1980s, the number of reported pertussis cases has steadily increased, especially among adolescents and adults (Figure). In 2005, a total of 25,616 cases of pertussis were reported in the United States (8). Among the reportable bacterial vaccine-preventable diseases in the United States for which universal childhood vaccination has been recommended, pertussis is the least well controlled (9,10).

Immunization Information Systems Progress --- United States, 2005

MMWR, December 15, 2006, Vol. 55

Immunization registries are confidential, computerized information systems that collect and consolidate vaccination data from multiple health-care providers, generate reminder and recall notifications, and assess vaccination coverage within a defined geographic area (1,2). A registry with added capabilities, such as vaccine management, adverse event reporting, lifespan vaccination histories, and linkages with electronic data sources, is called an immunization information system (IIS) (3). This report summarizes

data from CDC's *2005 Immunization Information System Annual Report (IISAR)*, a survey of grantees in 50 states, five cities,[†] and the District of Columbia (DC) that receive funding under section 317b of the Public Health Service Act. These data indicated that approximately 56% of U.S. children aged <6 years participated in an IIS, an increase from 48% in 2004. Moreover, 75% percent of public vaccination provider sites and 44% of private vaccination provider sites submitted vaccination data to an IIS during July--December 2005. These findings underscore the need to increase the number of participating children, from the current 13 million to approximately 21 million, to assure 95% participation of children aged <6 years and improve the effectiveness of U.S. immunization programs.

Reports

Annual Report FY 2006

Washington State Office of the Attorney General, 2006

This report summarizes the progress the AGO has made on many top public policy priorities, as well as highlights some of our legal accomplishments from Fiscal Year 2006.

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