**CDC Health Information Innovation Consortium (CHIIC)**

**Meeting Notes**

**Chamblee Building 107, Room 1B 01206**

**May 13, 2014, 10:00-11:00AM**

**Meeting Agenda:**

**1) CHIIC Mission & Goals – Brian Lee – 25 minutes**

**2) MMWR Express: Lessons Learned from public health mobile app development – Tom Savel, MD – 25 minutes**

**3) General Discussion – 10 minutes**

**Attendees:** Over 33 participants from NCEH/ATSDR, CGH, NIOSH, OCOO, NCEZID, NCHHSTP, OPHSS, CSELS, NCHS and OSTLTS.

**CHIIC Mission & Goals, Brian Lee –** The CDC Health Information Innovation Consortium has been established to foster and promote creative solutions to the surveillance challenges implemented through innovative projects in the CDC programs and STLT agencies. The consortium will identify and accelerate emerging tools and approaches to improve the availability, quality, and timeliness of surveillance data. OPHSS will provide small awards to benefit surveillance strategy. All proposed projects should 1) advance the innovation on a specific area related to data collection, transport, storage, analysis, visualization, or availability; 2) if successful, provide insights or tools that can be generalized to other surveillance systems or activities; or if unsuccessful, provide lessons learned that can be applied to future projects; 3) improve effectiveness or efficiency of existing surveillance systems by leveraging emerging information technologies.

Funding will range between $25,000-$50,000 for each project. OPHSS has a total of $250,000 available in FY14 for small projects. The projects are anticipated to last no more than 3-4 months and should be able to demonstrate effective use of applying creative solutions to public health surveillance challenges. The CHIIC Advisory Board will review project award criteria and project output. The first call for projects will be in June and funding will be available in July.

This consortium will also eventually be opened to those outside of CDC. A temporary website has been established for the Health Innovation Consortium on [phconnect.org/group/chiic](http://www.phconnect.org/group/chiic). This website is set up as a forum to discuss small project innovations and to foster discussion about future activities. The Consortium will be held quarterly. Future dates are August 13, November 7, February 10, and May 12. Please contact [balee@cdc.gov](mailto:balee@cdc.gov) to be added to the CHIIC distribution list and future communication.

**Presentation - MMWR Express: Lessons Learned, Tom Savel, MD**

**General Discussion / Presentation Q&A**

**Has the agency’s Surveillance Strategy been released?**

The agency has drafted a Surveillance Strategy that has been distributed internally. That document can be found here: <http://intranet.cdc.gov/oid/WG/docs/minutes/Surveillance/2014/CDC-Surveillance-Strategy-V15.pdf>

**There are innovations going on now, for example on the EHR calls, we have discussions. Where can we post those innovations?**

There are many efforts going on now with EHR, calls taking place and also some vendor engagement. We would like to use this consortium, and the website mentioned earlier as an additional tool for sharing best practices and fostering ideas about new innovations not just at CDC, but with external partners as well. Those stories can be shared through blogs, articles, or video on the CHIIC website.

**How does this consortium advance the alignment of CDC’s surveillance strategy?**

We recognize that there are many surveillance activities across CDC. This consortium serves as a way to share knowledge about current surveillance projects, spark ideas about how to advance innovation and share lessons learned from proposed and completed projects.

**What selection criteria will be used for funding projects?**

The Advisory Board and CDC Surveillance Leadership Board will review and make selections based on CHIIC focus areas in public health surveillance, informatics, and cross-cutting policy concern.

**Where does EPLC happen?**

Projects funded through the CHIIC must still go through all protocol as determined by your center governance and program area. Small projects developed through each of the cycles in the Innovation Lab should have solid footing to move forward through EPLC as a useful application tool for public health.