

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Epidemiology Workgroup**  
**Subgroup: Consequences**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

- ❖ This group met via video conference and teleconference from 10 AM-3:20 PM with a lunch from 12-1 PM. Participants included the following: Jesse Metzger, Sarah Dewane, Deborah Hull-Jilly, Randy Burton, Andrew Jessen, Joanna Reed, Jim Sellers, Alice Rarig and Devon Urquhart.
- ❖ Charles Utermohle will collect additional information from YRBS and Andrew Jessen will collect additional information from BVS to assist us with the scoring of indicators. JoAnna Reed will research FARS for indicators and Randy Burton will look through AK AIMS regarding indicators listed; Devon Urquhart will assist Randy Burton.
- ❖ The Workgroup reviewed that we are first scoring the data sources, as some sources are more efficient than others, and this may be a time saver down the road.
- ❖ Deborah Hull-Jilly reviewed the definitions of the scoring indicators as well as how to effectively rank each indicator. Information can be found in the Meeting Minutes from 5/14/10.
- ❖ *Data Collection Systems*
  - Andrew Jessen reviewed the Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS) data system. Mortality data is available from 1980 through the present. While cause of death is normally reported based solely on the underlying cause of death, BVS can also search contributing causes. Data on the death certificate comes primarily from two sources (funeral directors who collect the demographic information from a family friend and either a certifying physician or the medical examiner's office who report on the circumstances and the causes of death.) Population estimates used in the rate calculations come from the State Demographer. BVS has death certificate data on a city level and can report data by city, by census area/borough, by labor market region, or by statewide. Changes to BVS data include changing of coding of cause of death in 1999. This should not affect the ranking, however, as we are not tracking data from that time.
  - Joanna Reed reviewed the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). This is a detailed and comprehensive data system which reviews all fatal crashes in Alaska that are on public roads. Information from Emergency Medical Services, toxicology reports from the crime lab, commercial vehicle reports (if one was included in the crash), driver history from the DMV and more. This information current with yesterday's information available.

- People who the workgroup would like to hear from: Ken regarding Coast Guard Data, Steve Arlow regarding possible UCR data, Cathie Hester regarding PRAMS data and TODD regarding BROCCIUS data.

❖ *Discussion Topics*

- Topic: Is the term “Sensitivity” too broad of an indicator? Answer: These terms were developed by an earlier Cohort: Cook Inlet Tribal Council. It should be noted that reviewers are looking at relativity to other issues/data sources when ranking sensitivity.

❖ *Next week’s Meeting*

- Next week’s meeting is a continuation of the Consequences Workgroup.
- “Meet Me” Teleconference at 1-800-315-6338, Code is 8078.
- Videoconferencing: Frontier Building in Room 990 and the AOB in Room 406

- ❖ Deborah Hull-Jilly will be “slashing” indicators which the group deems are not top priority on our Indicator Worksheets. She will also be updating the verbiage on specific indicators to make them easily searchable in the appropriate databases. Please make note of the revised copies which will be e-mailed shortly.

- ❖ Scoring of indicators must be submitted by the end of June. Once you have completed your Consumption and Consequence worksheets, you may transfer scores by fax or scan them and e-mail them. **Please note:** In the Consequences worksheet there are three (3) tabs which should be individually scored. The goal is to identify 10-15 indicators-- once these are identified we will begin to work on the profile.

❖ *Reminder of the Influences Sub-Group*

The Influences Sub-Group will meet on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30-3 PM. This group is welcoming new members; if you would like to participate please contact Becky Judd at [becky.judd@alaska.gov](mailto:becky.judd@alaska.gov) or Devon Urquhart at [devon.urquhart@alaska.gov](mailto:devon.urquhart@alaska.gov) so that we can include you in the mailing list, as well as give you the call-in information for the “Meet Me” teleconference.