

Health Surveys User Group Meeting Agenda
Department of State Health Services
1100 West 49th Street, M-653
Austin, TX 78756
October 12, 2006
10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Comments (includes sign in sheet)
2. Introductions (10 minutes)
 - a. Behavioral Surveillance Branch staff: Dr. Ali Mokdad, Michael Link, Kenneth Laliberte
 - b. ORC Macro staff: Jamie Dayton, Naomi Freedner
 - c. Norma McNab, Michelle Cook, Rebecca Wood, Anna Vincent, Susan Ristine, Weihua Li, Blaise Mathabela, Dr. Vincent Fonseca, Jennifer Sievert, David Smith, David W. Smith, Barbara Keir, Gary Heseltine, Gyl Kovalik, Kim Bandelier, Brian Castrucci, Dr. Luis Escobeda, Shipra Mandel, Kristine Kostoff, Penny Harmonson, Juanita Salinas, Rom Haghghi, Liang Liu, Dr. Norman Bailey
3. Program Updates (15 minutes)
 - a. BRFSS Website
 - i. HSUG website up
 - ii. National data in our query system
 - b. Pilot Study Updates
 - i. Advance letter notification of our Hispanic population
 - ii. Cell phone pilot study
 - c. STEPS (Austin and San Antonio)
 - d. Adult Tobacco Survey
 - e. 2006 Asthma Call Back Survey
 - i. Calling Center
 - ii. Script
4. 2006 BRFSS (15 minutes)
 - a. Progress to Date (February-August): 4,249
 - b. Survey Length: ~20 minutes
 - c. Response Rates
 - i. Advance letters
 - ii. Interviewers
5. 2007 BRFSS Questionnaire Proposals (6 minutes each)
 - a. Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis Awareness
 - o Three questions
 - o Important, Texas ranks 9th in nation for CLDC deaths. Expected to double in next 10 years.
 - o Want to see if awareness is public
 - o Concern about 2nd question – people might not know what kind of Hep B
 - b. Immunizations (not present)
 - c. Healthy Days
 - d. Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)
 - e. Veteran's Health Status
 - o IPV – marker for injuries

- Veteran's – large population in Texas
 - Project (TCHC) – portal for the community, HP2010 based, arranged topically no matter what the data source
 - Anticipate adding these questions over the next five years
 - Dr. Mokdad – Make sure questions are not similar to other questions on the BRFSS
- f. 2-1-1
- Access to information about health and human services
 - Started in 2002
 - Statewide in 2005
 - Want to know if people know about 2-1-1
 - Expect low response (211.org)
- g. Occupational Health
- Funding from NIOSH on 13 health indicators
 - Want questions for one year
 - Want to estimate overall burden to all works. About 20% of employers do not have worker's comp.
 - Want to collapse industry question into categories.
- h. TV Viewing
- No other measures for adults in other surveys
 - 2004 showed a difference
 - Intervention in Corpus and Ft. Stockton
 - Grant cycle
- i. Diabetes Module (no comments)
- j. Diabetes Awareness
- k. Childhood Diabetes
- J & K, asked questions in special survey in 2005
 - Want to ask similar questions on state survey
 - Want to evaluate programs in counties over time
 - Want to get childhood prevalence of diabetes
 - Dr. Fonseca had a problem with question 7. Modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors – problem with capturing only three. Nutrition risk factor missing. Should maybe come up with another list.
 - Suggested to change “risk factor” to “something you can do”
- l. Cardiovascular Disease
- i. Cardiovascular Health (2 questions)
 - ii. Actions to Control High Blood Pressure (1 question)
 - iii. Heart Attack & Stroke Knowledge (full module)
- Have funding from CDC to add these questions to 2007 survey, usually every other year
 - Note that since these are partial modules, they will be added as state questions at the end of the survey
 - Concern that only 1 HBP question and more stroke questions because more can be done for HBP than for stroke in the hospital
 - Maybe better questions – controlling LDL, smoking, taking aspirin, etc.

- Suggestion to know whether a county has a medical response team – would be a problem getting this from BRFSS survey

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30 Minutes

- m. Arthritis (no comments)
- n. Asthma (no comments)
- o. Breastfeeding
 - Concern about “lack of partner content” but survey is asked of both men and women
 - Concern about age of respondent for “did you breastfeed?”
 - Need to add exclusively breastfeed for 6 months
 - People might have shades of disagreement
 - Why don’t have “neutral” as a choice – felt it’s okay with a “strongly agree vs. strongly disagree.”
 - Maybe randomly make some questions “negative” and some “positive”
 - Dr. Mokdad – Are state-added questions cognitively tested?
 - Sequence the questions so you ask about breastfeeding your last child after asking about breastfeeding attitudes
 - NIS breastfeeding questions on the web
- p. Family Planning
 - Huge use to multimillion family planning
 - Age restrictions are fine
 - Add “my partner doesn’t like it”
 - Add new birth control methods
- q. Acculturation
 - Questions tested in Mexican Valley on Washington
 - Concern about putting people off – citizenship issue
 - Knowing the number of years would be helpful
 - Problem with calculating culture from language
 - Other view – language drives the cultural patterns that you have
 - May not be a perfect measure but is still good
 - Question is not language specific but a list of languages can be listed as responses
- r. Mental Illness and Stigma Module
 - SAMHSA may approve funds next week
 - 10 questions – don’t know the size of the issue in Texas
 - May want to modify some of the questions
 - How do questions relate to serving, may want to go with simpler questions like “have you ever been diagnosed with” question
 - Not sure BRFSS will help with service gaps
 - Michelle Cook said can’t modify module because of CDC agreement – module created by SAMHSA
 - Symptoms are important because many people may not be diagnosed with a mental illness but still need to get to the doctor
- s. Smoking Cessation
- t. Secondhand Smoke

- Have adult tobacco questions and want to add two more questions to state BRFSS
 - u. Vision Module
 - Optional module – want to create database to help support change in vision care
 - Funding is there
 - New national vision program coming
 - MMWR about 2005 vision data
 - Want to continue one more year
- 6. 2007 BRFSS Sampling Design (9 minutes each)
 - a. Asian American oversample
 - Tried to find funding for this project, but could not
 - b. Split survey
 - All proposals could be accepted, but BRFSS would have to be a split survey.
 - Couple proposals on how to split.
 - c. Border oversample
 - 5 regions on the border including El Paso.
- 7. Assignments/Action Items (10 minutes)
 - a. Needed follow up from above agenda items
 - b. Proposed agenda items for next meeting
 - c. Future meeting dates
 - i. January 18, 2007 – 10:30-2:30 M-653
 - ii. April 19, 2007 – 10:30-2:30 M-653
 - iii. July 19, 2007 – 10:30-2:30 M-653
- 8. Adjourn