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West Nile Virus Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes January 22, 2014

Members in attendance

- Lars Eisen
- Dana Kunze
- Boris Kondratieff
- Adrienne LeBailly
- Eric Levine
- Greg McMaster
- Chet Moore
- Roger Nasci
- Meghan Williams

Staff in attendance

- Dan Weinheimer
- Mike Calhoon
- Matt Parker
- David Young

Colorado Mosquito Control Rep

Jessica Schurich

Guests

• Cheryl Distaso

Introductions

Committee Operating Agreements

- Agree to post minutes on fcgov.com/westnile and email them out to the list server the Friday prior to TAC meetings.
- Approved 1.8.14 meeting minutes



• Proposed additional meetings for March 5th and April 2nd for 2-4 hours

City Council Direction

- Diverse voices completed (with exception of someone directly impacted by WNV)
- Get Boulder manual out to TAC completed
- Review guidelines ongoing

TAC Work Items

- Examine Levels II and III to gauge what is working and what needs improvement
- Approve draft program manual

Proposed Ideas for Level's II and III

- Separate conversation on a zone approach
- Clarity of definitions in the plan
- Communication activities enhanced to reach population that we have not reached before
- Monitoring the effect of that communication message
- Do people have the information? What they do with it is up to them
- Creating a more effective message. Are people aware of the content?
- Outreach to high reach areas such as CSU and PSD should be included earlier in the season
- CSU returns to school and conference events during the summer are difficult and an opportunity for improvement
- Regularly update online information, what information is there and how it is presented
- Survey to gauge effectiveness of communication
- Communicate with the older population (not social media)
- Maps on FCgov.com
- Graphics improvements
- Clarity of how we will use the plan
- Issue of the word "and" between human cases and the surveillance program because of the lag between infection and detection. When require both it negates the entire surveillance program in that case should not spend money on the surveillance program
- Change of "and" vs. "or" in the plan
- Remove bullet point on abundance
- Target habitat based on vector type
- Identify individuals with a registry, bee keepers or organic growers

What Works

- Surveillance system did work, trap layout, turnaround time is good
- Good system, best encountered anywhere
- Catch basin control program

Program Manual Draft

- Dip testing means larval testing clarify
- The City is looking to group to fill out the appendices
- How detailed should it be? Information already exists out there
- Looks like a good format
- Balance is well stated It is a community decision to make



• Shared value and responsibility should be emphasized

Next meeting

- Next meeting needs to tackle the issue of adulticiding and if we are going to do it or not (data, policy, triggers, thresholds)
- Why trap if the information is not used?
- Disagreements about the data and how it is used
- Best management practices (BMP)
- Time limits for each point proposed
- Question of bringing in outside resources