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West Nile Virus Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2014

Members in attendance

- Lars Eisen
- Dana Kunze
- Boris Kondratieff
- Adrienne LeBailly
- Greg McMaster
- Chet Moore
- Meghan Williams
- Liz Pruessner

Staff in attendance

- Mike Calhoon
- Tess Heffernan
- Matt Parker
- Pamela Weir
- David Young

Colorado Mosquito Control Rep

- Jessica Schurich

Guests

- Cheryl Distaso
- Joe Halseth

Introductions

Committee Operating Agreements

- Approved 1.22.14 meeting minutes
- Future Meetings: Feb 26 at City Clerk's Office, 4-6 PM; March 5th at Parks Building, 4-6 PM; March 18th Council work session; April 2nd at Parks Building, 4-6 PM; April 5th, 2-6 PM (Tentative)

City Council Direction

- Diverse voices – completed
- Program Manual- ongoing
- Review guidelines - ongoing

TAC Work Items

- Examine issues relating to adulticiding

Adulticiding discussion

- Key issues discussed: spray zones vs. city-wide in the event of adulticiding, level of risk index, protecting the city's triple bottom line (environmental, social, and economic health), and the potential for an "Opt-Out" list.
- There is general agreement that the TAC desires to come up with a response that minimizes the use of adulticiding while maximizing its impact.
- The TAC supports a zone-approach to spraying, though does not yet agree on the appropriate size of the zones. There will be further discussion of this issue, likely with the aid of a statistician to determine a range of options and the risks associated with each.
- The trapping network in Fort Collins is very robust, but the TAC may recommend additional gravid traps be purchased. Additional gravid traps would increase confidence in the data, therefore creating more potential for adulticiding smaller areas/zones.
- Adding more gravid traps will require a budget request be made to City Council.
- Maintaining the current locations of all traps in Fort Collins is important to be able to compare new data with data of past years.
- Further discussion is desired regarding at what level the risk index trigger point should be set.
- The TAC is considering whether an "Opt-Out list" is a viable option. Proposals include allowing people to opt-out from their property being sprayed if they comply with a number of requirements including source reduction and personal protection. There are concerns that an opt-out list would pose significant challenges to spray operations and would reduce the efficacy of adulticiding.
- TAC members agreed to consider proposals for an "Opt-Out List" and bring alternative ideas to the next meeting including addendums like a public health emergency clause.

Additional "Parking Lot" items for future consideration

- Hear from people who have been affected by neuroinvasive West Nile Virus
- Hear from pesticide-sensitive people
- Invite Boulder staff to share best practices, or do a site visit there

Next meeting- February 26th

- Continued discussion of a potential "Opt-Out" list
- Continued conversation about response triggers and the most effective zone size (pending meeting with statistician)
- Role of the Advisory Panel

- The AND/OR issue—Human cases
- Urban Agriculture/Farms/ Beekeepers
- Community outreach/communication/education
- How to assess and include “best practices” from the four studies distributed; possible TAC subgroup to gauge feasibility/effectiveness