

## **AFFILIATE REPORT**

September 5, 2013

### **KEY ACTIVITIES**

- ELR workgroup: CDPH held two webinars on ELR to clarify procedures for auto processing and auto closing.
- Standardizing HIV reporting and data use: Language for amending H&S code has been drafted. A letter was sent to stakeholders to obtain their input on the proposed language for H&S code. The HOAC draft bill worksheet is being completed. Please see status report for timeline.
- Infection Control in Ambulatory Care Settings: the workgroup has finished recommendations for appropriate infection control procedures in ambulatory care settings. Recommendations were approved by the Board on August 1, 2013. Draft language is being prepared.
- Streamlining CD Investigation forms and follow-up: the workgroup has completed review of the various CD investigation forms. A joint meeting was held with representatives from Infectious Disease and IZ to discuss recommendations for streamlining CD investigations. It was requested that CDPH prepare a quick sheet with minimum required elements for each category of disease (e.g., enterics).
- Cocci workgroup recommendations. Based on input from Allermed labs, the group elected to hold on sending a letter to FDA. As of July 29, 2013 the product is not available to order. The current status of the Cocci skin test was discussed at the June 20, CD Committee Meeting. Current position: monitor market availability. Antonino Catanzaro, MD, President of the Cocci Study Group sent a letter urging the FDA to waive the user fee.
- Collaborative workgroup with CCLAD, CTCA, CASTDC and CAPHLD elected to focus on action steps to encourage plans and insurance companies to contract with LHJs for essential public health clinical services. A draft letter is being modified and will be discussed at the October 17, 2013 CD Committee meeting.
- A workgroup was formed to review and update the Enteric Disease Matrix. A revised matrix will be distributed once it is finalized. The changes in regulations that were previously recommended are still pending.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- Fall Conference: October 29, 2013 at the California Endowment, Los Angeles, CA - "Collaborating with Laboratories in the Era of New Diagnostics"