



Privacy & Pan flu Workshop

Draft Agenda

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Meeting Purpose: Discussion of privacy issues related to pandemic flu planning and response.

Objectives: By the end of the meeting, participants will have:

- learned of pandemic flu planning efforts nationwide and shared state experiences with pandemic flu planning
- identified privacy issues related to sharing information in pandemic flu planning as well as the public health agency's role as employer during a flu pandemic
- sought peer and subject matter expert advice on identified issues
- propose solutions to challenges identified

Outcomes:

- Privacy-related gaps identified in current state pandemic flu plans
- Draft language on privacy and the sharing of health data for pandemic flu preparation and response for potential inclusion in state pandemic flu plans
- Draft guidelines on public health agency employer roles and responsibilities toward workers during pandemic flu response (e.g., communication with ill or exposed employees; access to employee medical records) for consideration by state public health agencies.

Participants: Teams of two state public health professionals with expertise in privacy and pandemic flu/preparedness planning and response.

Day One: Wednesday, May 30, 2007

Day One Focus: Identifying challenges in balancing the need to protect health information and the need to know during pandemic flu planning and response.

8:30-8:45 am	Welcome and Introductions	Jim Pearsol, ASTHO Principal Director for Public Health Excellence
8:45-10:45	Pandemic Flu Planning in State Public Health Overview	Audrey Chan, ASTHO Director, Infectious Disease Policy
	The Science of Pan Flu & the Federal Perspective	Toby Merlin, Deputy Director, Influenza Coordination Unit, CDC
	HIPAA in Emergencies	Linda Sanches, Senior Advisor, HIPAA Privacy Outreach & Training



10:45-11:00	Break	
11:00-12:00 noon	Stories from the Field: Privacy Issues in Pan Flu Planning & Response: Agency as Public Health Authority	Brenda Carlson, San Mateo Co., CA Denise Chrysler & Eden Wells, Michigan Department of Community Health
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00-3:00	The Agency's Other Hats: Healthcare Provider, Employer, Health Plan	Cynthia M. Stamer, P.C., Glast, Phillips & Murray, P.C. Matthew S. Penn, Staff Attorney, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control National Association of Attorneys General (invited)
3:00-3:15	Break	
3:15-4:45	Scenario Discussion	Workshop Participants
4:45-5:00 pm	Day One Summary	

Day Two: Thursday, May 31, 2007

Day Two Focus: Proposing solutions to challenges identified

9:00-9:15 am		Re-cap of Day One	Sterling Elliott, ASTHO Senior Analyst, Public Health Systems
9:15-10:15		Solutions Discussion: Agency as Public Health Authority	Workshop Participants
10:15-10:30		Break	
10:30-11:30		Solutions Discussion: The Agency's Other Hats	Workshop Participants
11:30-12:00		Summary, next steps, and final words	Angela Fix, ASTHO Director, Public Health Informatics
<i>Hotel check-out time is 12 noon</i>			
12:00-1:00 pm		Lunch	