**CDC Health Information Innovation Consortium (CHIIC)**

**August Forum Meeting Notes**

**Chamblee Building 106, Room 1B**

**August 13, 2014, 10:00-11:00AM**

**Meeting Agenda:**

**1) CDC Surveillance Strategy Innovation Project Awards Update – Brian Lee – 25 minutes**

**2) Google Glass and Public Health – Brian Norris, Co-Founder and CEO Social Health Insights – 30 minutes**

**3) General Discussion – 5 minutes**

**Attendees:** Over 110 people attended in person or via webinar. Participants were from CGH, NIOSH, OCOO, NCEZID, OID, NCHHSTP, NCBDDD, NCCDPHP, NCEH, NCIPC, OPHPR, CSELS, NCHS, OPHSS and OSTLTS as well as from HHS and numerous public health vendors.

**CDC Surveillance Strategy Innovation Project Awards Update, Brian Lee –** The CDC Health Information Innovation Consortium is sponsored by OPHSS to support surveillance strategy. The initial budget approved for this round of projects was $250K, but based on submissions, the amount was expanded to $445K to fund 9 projects for the next 4-12 months. The funding opportunity was announced through CDC Connects, CDC today, with e-mail messaging to CDC Senior Leadership, CDC Management Officials, and presentation to several groups. For the selection process, the CHIIC Advisory Group reviewed the projects made recommendations to the OPHSS Director.

A total of 33 project ideas were submitted – for a total of $1.5M in funding requests. The projects came from centers across the agency. Those projects that were awarded displayed characteristics that advanced innovation in a specific area related to data collection, transport, storage, analysis, visualization, or availability and/or improved the effectiveness of existing surveillance systems. The selected projects have been posted on phConnects website and many have also agreed to share their proposed projects on this site as well.

During this process we received questions and suggestions about the process including those that asked for more time, the ability to use shared funding vehicles, use of advisors/mentors, and use of the IIU Development team. These are all approaches that will be taken into consideration for future funding announcements and a call for new projects next quarter. The next announcement for projects will go out in November, be reviewed in December, and award announcements will be made in January. If you would like to propose use of IIU Developers, designers, or ScrumMasters, we would recommend meeting with Tom Savel prior to submitting your proposal.

There are several upcoming items of interest that promote innovation and public health at CDC and also a few other off-site sponsors and we would encourage you to attend those and share your ideas with the group on the phConnect CHIIC Community.

Future dates for the consortium are scheduled for November 5, February 10, and May 12. Please contact balee@cdc.gov to be added to the CHIIC distribution list and future communication.

**Presentation - Google Glass and Public Health – Brian Norris, Co-Founder and CEO Social Health Insights**

Brian demonstrated Google Glass and Public Health applications. Provided visual aids and examples of use in public health.

**General Discussion / Presentation Q&A**

**Do we know why some of the projects did not want to share their proposals since only 15 out of 24 chose to share?**

We do not know the specific reason. We only shared projects with permission from their lead. In only a few cases did projects explicitly ask not to share, most unposted projects are due to not receiving permission (i.e., no response to our request). It is very reasonable for projects to not want to share projects if they include irrelevant or sensitive information. Only publicly accessible project descriptions are shared.

**Can you define Surveillance?**

CDC’s Surveillance Strategy outlines what public health surveillance is and that description can be found here: <http://www.cdc.gov/surveillancepractice/>

**Could projects that did not get funding this time around collaborate on ideas for future project proposals?**

That is certainly is a possibility. The next call for proposals will have some target priorities that may be slightly different than the proposals we just accepted. We are currently refining the submission and review process to include more time for Q&A with submitted projects. Details will be shared at the November forum, or feel free to ask questions directly to Brian.

**Are examples of the templates used for submission available to review?**

Yes. An overview of the FY14 submission process is available on the CDC intranet at:

<http://intranet.cdc.gov/ophss/docs/Overview%20for%20CDC%20Surveillance%20Innovation%20Project%20Call%20for%20Proposals.pdf>

And the template used to collect submissions is available on the CDC intranet at:

[http://intranet.cdc.gov/ophss/docs/CDC%20Surveillance%20Innovation%20Project%20-%20Proposal%20Template%20(FY14).pdf](http://intranet.cdc.gov/ophss/docs/CDC%20Surveillance%20Innovation%20Project%20-%20Proposal%20Template%20%28FY14%29.pdf)

Additionally, if you would like to review what other projects submitted you can review those at the phConnects site on this link: <http://www.phconnect.org/group/chiic/page/surveillance-innovation-projects>