



Great Lakes Border Health Initiative

Welcome to the
7th Annual GLBHI
Conference:
Pan-Border Public Health
and
Cross-Border Connections



THANK YOU . . .



- to U.S. DHHS/ASPR & U.S. CDC for funding;
- to all agencies who have allowed their employees to travel to participate during these challenging economic times;
- to the 2011 Planning Team (listed in the Agenda & Biographies document);
- and to all of you for traveling and participating.

Enjoy the Conference, and have a great visit to
beautiful Niagara Falls!

Two important goals: we hope this meeting will . . .



- increase vertical & lateral communications among all levels & types of personnel & officials involved in issues affecting the health of individuals in the Great Lakes Region; and
- improve collaboration between those partners by strengthening & developing relationships.

What / Who is GLBHI?

A collaborative effort between jurisdictions in the U.S. and Canada to enable infectious disease surveillance and facilitate communication



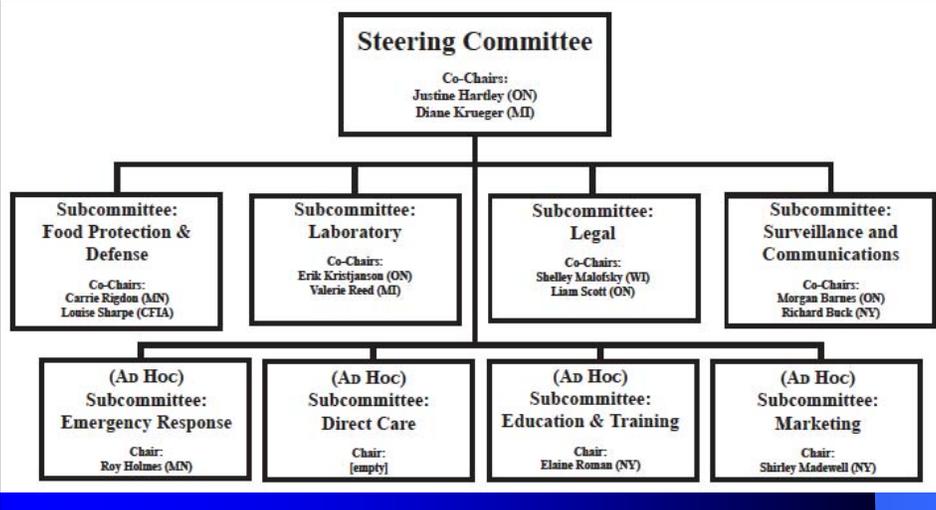
- Indiana
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- New York
- Ohio
- Ontario
- Pennsylvania
- Wisconsin

GLBHI Collaboration

State
and
Prov.
Leads

Lead 1	Lead 2
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GLBHI Organization Steering Committee & Subcommittees



About the Committees

- **Members include:**
 - State / Provincial representatives
 - Local public health representatives
 - Tribal / First Nations representatives
 - Federal representatives
- **U.S. / Canadian co-chairs**
- **Scheduled to meet monthly to bi-monthly**
- **Some are inviting and/or integrating other CA-U.S. border initiative members**

Collaboration Tools / Accomplishments

- **Regular teleconference calls**
- **Face-to-face meetings**
- **Communication pathways**
 - Federal and Local / Regional
 - Cross enrollment on U.S.'s Epi-X and Canada's CNPHI PHA national health surveillance / alerting systems
 - Tracking successes with Case Studies
- ***GLBHI Public Health Data Sharing Agreement***
- ***GLBHI Infectious Disease Emergency Communications Guideline***
- **Website: www.michigan.gov/borderhealth**
- **Conducting exercises / writing After Action Reports / producing annual summaries**

Current Projects

- Supporting & participating in CA-U.S. Pan Border Public Health Preparedness Council
- Updating GLBHI's immediately notifiable disease list
- Planning for a laboratory-centric emergency communications drill
- Planning for a communications drill using the CNPHI Public Health Alerting system
- Planning for a communication drill after hours
- Creating a template to track case studies and communication/collaboration successes



Challenges

- Dialogues with many Tribes and First Nations in GLBHI region
- Budget cuts affecting staffing, travel, training & meetings for GLBHI personnel, local public health, Tribal partners
- U.S. Department of Health & Humans Services and Public Health Agency of Canada involvement
- Connecting with partners horizontally

