



THE GREAT LAKES BORDER HEALTH INITIATIVE

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2010 GLBHI Conference Draws Large and Diverse Crowd

The sixth annual Great Lakes Border Health Initiative (GLBHI) conference was held on May 18, 2010 in Plymouth, Michigan, USA and received great reviews from its more than 150 attendees.

GLBHI is comprised of seven U.S. states and one Canadian province (Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin) in the Great Lakes region that share a common goal: enhancing early warning infectious disease surveillance at our international borders. GLBHI is funded through the Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance (EWIDS) cooperative agreement funded by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and managed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

Each year, GLBHI organizes a face-to-face meeting, inviting local, regional, state and federal representatives from both Canada and the United States to participate as a means of introducing and further cementing relationships established across the borders. This year's conference, *Connections in Cross-Border Health Partnerships*, featured many high profile speakers from the governmental and private sectors in topics ranging from plenary sessions on the review of progress of Great Lakes region cross-border collaborations and development of a Canada/U.S. border coalition, a comparison of Canadian and U.S. disease surveillance systems, and a tool to assess regional public health preparedness; to breakout sessions on topics such as the health sector support at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, quarantine and disease activities and surveillances at border crossings, foodborne illness investigation and risk planning, and laboratory cross-border preparedness initiatives. Post-conference meetings on May 19 were very productive, including meetings of the GLBHI Steering Committee and its four primary subcommittees.

We received wonderful feedback about our conference this year, and a big part of that was due to the terrific topics and presenters, hard work by our Planning Team, and the great turnout and support from our partners and friends. It was obvious that there were plenty of interactions between presenters, conference attendees and GLBHI committee members, leading to a very productive meeting.



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If you did not attend this year and would like to be notified about future GLBHI conferences, please contact Diane Krueger, Michigan's GLBHI Lead (517-335-6533; kruegerd@michigan.gov) or Richard Buck, New York's GLBHI Lead (518-474-2893; rjb06@health.state.ny.us).

[View photos from the 2010 Annual Conference.](#)

[View the conference summary article.](#)

[View the document provided to each conference attendee, which contains the objectives, agenda and speaker biographies.](#)

PowerPoint presentations from many of the sessions are available below, for you to download and peruse at your convenience. Also available are videos of several of the concurrent sessions, and materials related to some of the sessions. Thank you for your interest!

Plenary Sessions:

- ◆ [“CROSS-BORDERS UNPLUGGED” - CAPT Andy Stevermer, MSN](#)
- ◆ “EPI-X AND CIOSC – COMPARE, CONTRAST, DEMO” - Amanda Evanson & Shamir N. Mukhi, PhD, PEng
 - [Ms. Evanson's Epi-X Presentation PowerPoint](#)
- ◆ “TOOL FOR ASSESSING REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS” - RADM Patrick O'Carroll, MD, MPH
 - Website: Tool - a Conceptual Framework and Preparedness Assessment Checklist
 - [Article Abstract: Assessing Regional Public Health Preparedness: A New Tool for Considering Cross-Border Issues](#)
- ◆ [“LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM BOSTON'S SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC OF 1721” - Daniel Miller, PhD](#)



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Breakout Sessions:

- ◆ [“V2010 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES: THROUGH A HEALTH LENS” - Wayne Dauphinee, BPE, MHA & Mike Smith, MPA](#)
 - Video of Dauphinee/Smith Breakout Session
- ◆ [“WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE IN FOODBORNE ILLNESS INVESTIGATIONS” - Maria Nazarowec-White, PhD](#)
 - Video of Nazarowec-White Breakout Session
- ◆ [“QUARANTINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES AT LAND BORDERS” - Paul Edelson, MD](#)
 - Video of Edelson Breakout Session
- ◆ “RISK-BASED WORKPLANNING: PREPARING FOR FOOD SAFETY LEGISLATION” - Kara Morgan, PhD, with Moderators Joann Givens & Jim Crawford
- ◆ [“COMMERCIAL BUS PASSENGER WITH TB, ATTEMPTING TO CROSS A LAND BORDER” - Peter Davidson, PhD](#)
 - Video of Davidson Breakout Session
- ◆ “REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPORTATIONS OF ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS” - Julie R. Sinclair, DVM, MPH, Dipl. ACVPM
- ◆ [“ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES \(APHL\) CROSS-BORDER PREPAREDNESS INITIATIVES” - Tony Barkey, MPH & Chris Mangal, MPH](#)

** Some presentations are not available, nor were all breakout sessions videotaped. We apologize for the inconvenience.*

For more information regarding the Great Lakes Border Health Initiative and a list of the participating state/provincial leads and their contact information, please visit <http://www.michigan.gov/borderhealth>.