

## **Dive In: Crosscutting Collaboration to Prevent and Respond to Waterborne Disease Events**

### **Description**

Waterborne disease prevention and response involve a diverse set of public health partners whose expertise may include epidemiology, environmental health, laboratory sciences, emergency preparedness, recreational water quality, and drinking water quality, among others. Collaboration among disciplines and programs creates opportunities to increase the capacity to detect, investigate, and prevent waterborne disease. However, crosscutting collaboration may be challenged by organizational structure as well as limited staff time and resources available to improve communication. Both small and large-scale initiatives present opportunities to build relationships and optimize efforts to prevent and respond to waterborne disease events.

This half-day session will discuss challenges and opportunities involved in crosscutting collaboration on waterborne disease prevention and response efforts. It will take an interactive approach (e.g., panel discussions, break-out sessions) to explore ways to foster collaboration. This workshop will examine non-traditional partnerships and how these can increase capacity for waterborne disease-related activities. Participants will also explore how outbreaks can be used as learning opportunities to improve cooperation and communication. Additionally, rapid-fire presentations will be used to update attendees on recent and emerging waterborne disease topics. By the end of the workshop, participants will have generated ideas of how to improve capacity through collaboration within their own activities and understand the process and value of after action reviews.

### **Objectives**

- Identify strategies used to improve collaboration and communication among public health partners
- Highlight traditional and non-traditional partnerships that increase capacity for prevention and response to waterborne events
- Provide opportunities to learn about recent and emerging waterborne disease topics
- Discuss the use of outbreaks as learning opportunities and the value of hot washes/after action reviews

### **Agenda**

- 9:00-9:10 Welcome: Introductions and preconference objectives
- 9:10-10:00 Strategies to improve collaboration and communication among public health partners
- 10:00-10:45 Use of traditional and non-traditional partnerships to increase capacity for prevention and response to waterborne events
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-11:30 Recent and emerging waterborne disease hot topics
- 11:30-12:20 Outbreaks as learning opportunities and the value of hot washes/after action reviews
- 12:20-12:30 Wrap-up