NCHS in the News

- 230 media articles in first 2 months of 2014

- Obesity rates still high but stable; biggest drop is among 2-5-year-olds

- 15 percent of Americans lacked health insurance last year

- Physician EHR adoption leaps 21% in 2013

- US pregnancy rate slides to 12-year low, federal report finds
Published over 100 NCHS reports and journal articles in 2013

  - Young adults with private health insurance coverage increased from the last 6 months of 2010 through the last 6 months of 2012 (52.0% to 57.9%).

- Total and High-density Lipoprotein Cholesterol in Adults: NHANES, 2011–2012
  - First data on cholesterol levels for Asian Americans.

- Use of Family Planning and Related Medical Services Among Women Aged 15–44 in the U.S.: National Survey of Family Growth, 2006–2010
  - In 2006–2010, 43 million women aged 15–44 received a family planning or related medical service in the previous 12 months.
NCHS Outreach in 2013

• 12 million visits to NCHS website.

• Numerous presentations to a variety of stakeholders.

• Conducted interviews with Federal collaborators and data users.
  • 100% indicate data quality good or excellent.

• Survey of website users: 77.1% are satisfied with data quality and relevance.
And More NCHS in the News...

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**BREAKING GROUND**

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CDC to stay in Hyattsville under reduced lease terms

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is staying put in Hyattsville under a new lease that will enable the agency to shed more than 70,000 square feet, the General Services Administration said Thursday.
Budget Updates
FY 2014 Budget

- $140 M for NCHS in FY 2014 Omnibus.
  - $21 M less than requested in the President’s budget.
- No allocation from the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF); about $25 M was proposed for FY 2014.
- NCHS budget about $20 M less than FY 2013 when PPHF taken into account:
  - In FY 2013, NCHS received $138.7 M in the CR and about $22 M from the PPHF ($160.7 M total)
Impact of No PPHF Funding in FY 2014

- Approximately $25 M was proposed for NCHS from the PPHF in FY 2014 for survey enhancements.

- Funds support survey activities in the following FY.

- Impact on FY 2015 survey enhancements:
  - National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)
    - Unable to support expanded sample size; the number of states for which selected estimates can be made will return to 20 (from 43 in 2012).
    - Unable to continue content added in 2011-2014 to monitor the changes in health insurance coverage.
  - National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS)
    - Unable to support the expanded physician and visit sample sizes; state-specific estimates of clinical care provided in physician offices and Community Health Centers will not be possible.
Potential Good News

• Besides the use of expanded sample sizes in our surveys to measure the impact of changing health insurance coverage, this expansion also provides many measurement advantages for other public health programs.

• There is now an excellent chance that these programs will provide one time funding to maintain sample size to carry us over into FY 2015.
FY 2015 Budget Request

- $140 M for Health Statistics; level with FY 2014 enacted.
  - $15.3 M for the Working Capital Fund brings to $155.397 for total request.*
- Maintains capacity to support ongoing health and health care surveys and data collection systems.
- Allows for purchase of 12 months of birth and death data from vital registration areas.

* not an actual budget increase. NCHS pays for business services out of its budget, where in the past these services were funded centrally at CDC.
FY 2015 Budget Request: PPHF

$26.4 M proposed for NCHS activities:

- $16.4 M of $20 M for Healthcare Surveillance/ Health Statistics would go to NCHS for enhancements to the NHIS and NAMCS to better monitor the healthcare system and health outcomes.
- $5 M for implementation of electronic death registration systems in about 8 states.
- $5 M for Public Health Systems Research to identify the economic and budgetary impacts of public health interventions and healthcare delivery systems.
NCHS Budget Chronology

- PHS Evaluation
- Budget Authority
- Working Capital Fund
- PPHF

*Prior to FY 2014, funding for administrative functions drawn from CDC/OD. FY 2010 – FY 2013 Working Capital Fund estimate included for comparison to future years only.
Survey Collaborators are Vital to Fulfilling Our Mission

• Collaborators provide direct funding and/or scientific partnerships.

• Annual reimbursable funding of about $30-$32 million (average of prior years):
  • NHANES: $16 million
  • NHIS: $10 million
  • NAMCS/NHAMCS: $2 million
  • NSFG: $4 million

* Selected collaborators, not a comprehensive list. Full list available on request.
NCHS Program Updates: 2013 Accomplishments and 2014 Priorities
Monitoring Changes in Health Care Use and Delivery

- NHIS sample size augmented starting in 2012 to provide more state estimates.
- National Health Care Interview Survey follow-back survey of NHIS participants is collecting data on health care access and knowledge of exchanges (data release in 2015).
- NAMCS providing state-specific estimates of care provided in physician office and community health centers for 34 states in 2012, 22 states in 2013, 18 states in 2014.
Providing Data to Inform Programs and Policies


• Young adults with private health insurance coverage increased from the last 6 months of 2010 through the last 6 months of 2012 (52.0% to 57.9%).

• Over the past decade, the age-adjusted drug poisoning death rate nearly doubled, from 6.2 per 100,000 population in 2000 to 12.3 per 100,000 in 2010.

• Upcoming release of *Health, United States 2013* with special feature on Drug Use.
New Data Collections

- Piloted 24-hour urine collection with 75% of eligible participants providing a complete specimen.

- Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander NHIS in the field.

- National Study of Long-Term Care Providers released first report showing 8 million people used paid, regulated long term care service in the U.S. in 2012. State tables coming late Spring.
Improving Data Access and Use

- Health Data Interactive tutorials

- Opened Research Data Center branch at HHS Humphrey Building for use by federal employees.

- Online analytical system under development for NHIS

- Online data query system under development for health care surveys
Survey Changes To Improve Relevancy and Efficiency

• NHIS is planning for the 2016 sample redesign and 2017 questionnaire redesign.

• Health care surveys
  • Computerization of NAMCS data collection.
  • Pilot studies on extracting data from EHRs.
  • Testing inclusion of nurse practitioners and physician assistants in NAMCS.

• Evaluating birth data items to determine which should be removed for quality purposes.
Improving the Vital Statistics System

- Over the past 2 years, NCHS has funded:
  - 7 states to improve physician participation with electronic death records and death reporting timeliness.
  - 2 states to conduct birth quality studies.
  - 8 states to implement electronic birth records.
  - Greater electronic death record system coverage will lead to faster reporting of the nation’s mortality data.
  - Examining the electronic transfer of birth and death information from EHRs to state vital records systems.
THANK YOU!!!