Summary
This report summarizes the responses received from the Public Health Practice (PHP) Committee Member Survey issued February 6, 2012 – March 13, 2012. The purpose of this survey was to provide PHP Committee members an opportunity to voice their opinions on current and future PHP Committee events and projects. The survey was sent out to the current PHP member list, The survey had a 30% response rate with 49/163 individuals responding.

Section 1: Demographics

Question 1: What type of agency, organization, or company do you work for? (n=46)

Other responses:
• Ministry of health
• National Research Institute, Government
• Software
• Governmental Organization
**Question 2:** What types of surveillance systems do you use? (Select all that apply) (N=44)

Other responses:
- Animal health
- Notifiable diseases, outbreak reporting, laboratory significant findings, biological detection systems, student symptom reports, occupational health reporting
- National Disaster Medical System EMR
- Used to practice - now don’t use systems
- Media alerts
- Statutory Sentinel surveillance, Case notification, information intelligence
- Laboratory results from hospitals
- Reportable disease! This should be in the pick list above!
- Passive focal points reporting
- Reportable disease
- Notifiable diseases

**Section 2: Monitoring BioSense and Distribute**

**Question 3:** How frequently do you monitor BioSense? (n=41)

Other responses:
- Currently do not monitor BioSense, but will daily once we join BioSense 2.0
- No authorization of access as foreign national
- But daily for the data feed to BioSense
• Occasionally
• Not frequently but do access
• Less than monthly but we submit to BioSense in real time
• Sporadic
• I'm assuming you mean 1.0?
• As needed, e.g. during H1N1 pandemic

Question 4: How frequently do you monitor Distribute? (n=44)

Other responses:
• Did not know how and where until last meeting and no access granted
• But daily for the data feed to Distribute for our state
• Occasionally
• Once/quarter
• Sporadic

Section 3: Participation

Question 5: How often do you participate in the Public Health Practice committee webinars and/or meetings? (n=47)
Question 6: Is the fourth Monday of every month at 12:30 PM EST a convenient monthly meeting time for you? (n=46)

Other responses:
- Thursdays
- I am in opposite time zone, so it shall be midnight
- Any afternoon (after 2pm EST)
- Not Applicable I’m an International Member
- Thursday or Friday afternoons (except the 3rd Thursday)

Section 4: Interests

Question 7: How interested are you in the various subject categories? (n=47)
Question 8: What other topic areas, methods, tools, or policy issues would you like to be discussed? (n=15)

- Evaluating surveillance systems
- Collaboration with other agencies and within own business with other departments. Also, how we can integrate future syndromic surveillance with other information like in emergency preparedness (EMsystem type information) into one "early warning" system.
- Evaluation of the ROI for syndromic surveillance systems
- Design of surveillance systems to capture morbidity and mortality among refugees and recent immigrants, new surveillance technologies, modeling for BT surveillance, biological detection systems & surveillance
- Social media as a surveillance tool
- Cluster detection using syndromic surveillance
- Geospatial analysis
- Media relations
- Information security, ownership and distribution technique, combination analysis and interpretation of different datasets
- Would be interesting to have best practices discussion / sharing, to help pass along day-to-day practical information among members. Maybe moderator poses ? to attendees about how handle PHP issues in their agency.
- Integrating syndromic with other types of surveillance normally performed at health departments
- Cancer related surveillance
- How can we learn more about the use of social networks in disease surveillance? Perhaps the practice community can help inform those researching this topic as to what is useful.
- Data Quality
- How to both use and implement radiological health-related surveillance activities for public health.
- Updates describing how state and local public health officials are actually using BioSense. Not what they could do in future, but demonstrated past or current usage.

Question 9: Would you like to present a webinar? (n=39)

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Other responses:
- Novel ways to get surveillance data
- To be determined
- I'm not sure - there may be a few topics we could open for discussion. Namely MU uptake/S&I Framework PHRI/preparing to receive and Meaningfully Use data - progress/needs/barriers. Also developing quality measures for public health that measure
if we are meaningfully using information. But I don’t have the answers here - just would like to see a discussion among the community and I would be happy to lead one or more of these discussions.

• I’m sure happy to, but not sure if folks want to hear more about EMS data surveillance from me!
• Let me think about it
• If there was something related to ESSENCE that someone was interested in, I could. But I don’t have any pressing things that need to be presented currently. I could see presenting on the Cloud version of ESSENCE sometime in the future though.

**Question 10: Would you like to lead a discussion on an issue? (n=38)**

![Pie Chart](chart1.png)

Other responses:

• To be determined
• See question 9
• Due to time difference, it is difficult
• Happy to help in any way that I can.
• I would if it would be useful and was a topic on which I had expertise
• Let me think about it

**Question 11: Would you like to lead a literature review discussion? (n=39)**

![Pie Chart](chart2.png)
Other responses:
- Still relatively new to syndromic surveillance, but may want to do this in the future.
- To be determined
- Probably not my strongest suit, but again, I'll help as needed.
- "Like to" is a bit strong, but I would be willing to be part of a rotation of discussions on infectious disease surveillance literature at some point
- Syndromic surveillance and Epidemiology in general. I am on peer review board for different national journals.

Question 12: How interested are you in joint webinars and/or meetings with the Research Committee? (n=46)

![Pie chart showing responses]

Question 13: How interested are you in the monthly Literature Review calls hosted by the Research Committee? (n=46)

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Question 14: How interested are you in joint webinars and/or meetings with the Global Outreach Committee? (n=45)

![Survey Results Chart]

Question 15: Would you be interesting in joining a small workgroup to develop a policy position paper regarding sustainable funding for disease surveillance? If so, please indicate below and contact Amanda at aschulte@syndromic.org or enter your e-mail address in the comment box. (n=10)

**Other Comments**

**Question 16:** Please let us know if you have any additional comments or suggestions for the PHP Committee. (n=9)

- We should be looking towards process of improvement, integration of government, non-government and private sector like other programs are doing.
- Thank you in advance for summarizing the data from this survey!
- Overall have enjoyed presentations given in the past. I listen to all of the presentations that directly relate to my job (coordinating syndromic surveillance at a state health department). I also try to listen to other sessions as time permits.
- Question is mostly about US, and US wording. Do my involvement may change the result of survey in unexpected direction. If you need answers from only US and for US, then hope that should be gathered in one section and indicated.
- Thank you folks!
- I’m only interested in being on the workgroup for the policy paper if “disease surveillance” is considered broadly rather than being limited to syndromic surveillance.
- We as International Members needs our attendance and participation to be funded and covered by scholarships, so that we can manage to share
- The webinar offerings of this committee and the literature committee have been valuable.