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A State Regulatory perspective on multi-jurisdictional outbreaks and recalls

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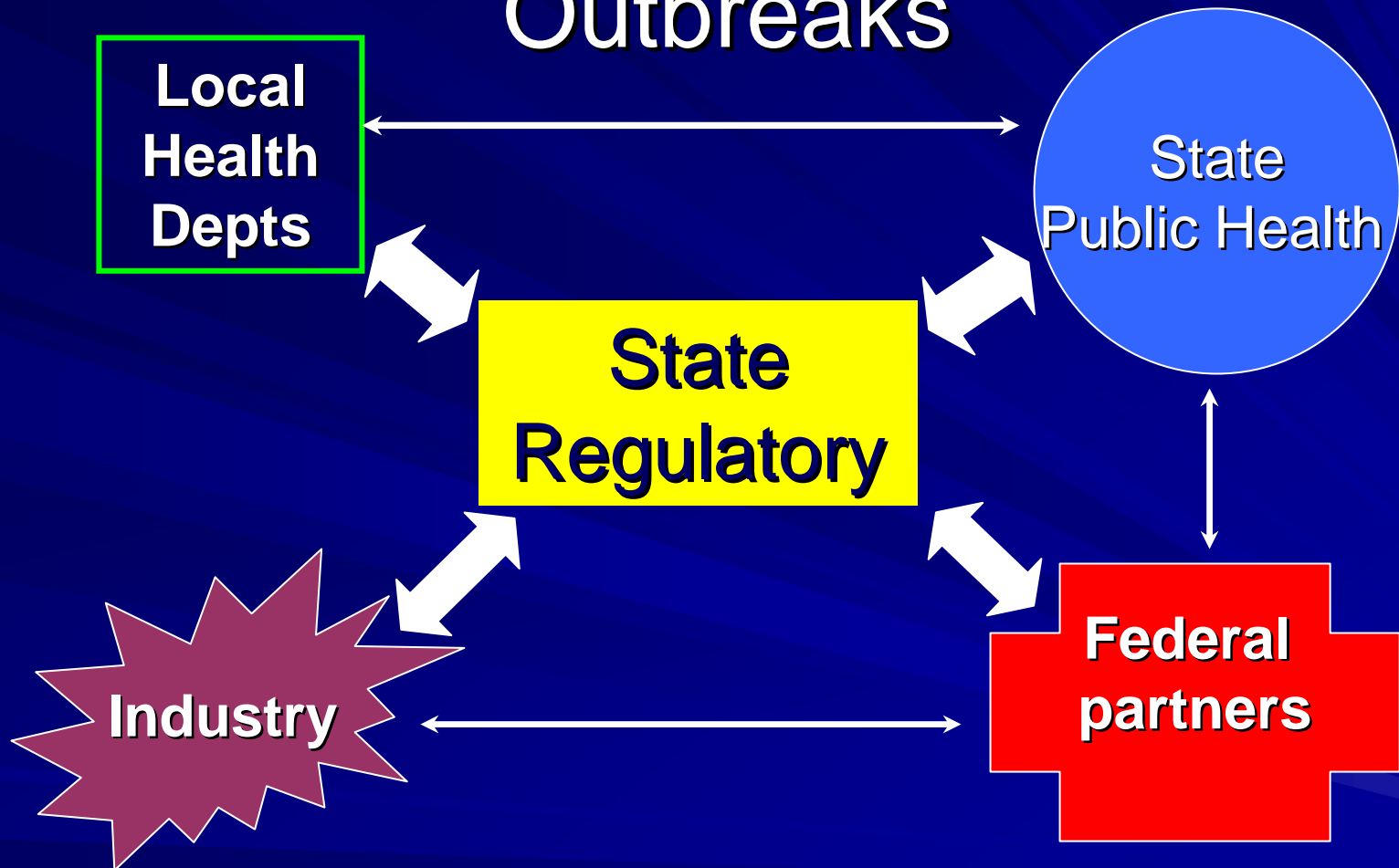
- State Regulatory Perspective
- Collaborative relationships
- Common challenges
- The Future-what can we do?



State Regulatory Perspective

- Often the 'funnel' for information flowing between locals and Federal investigators
- Walking a fine line on being a good partner to all and being a 'choke point'
- Most states asked felt multi-jurisdictional OBs → Recalls?

Collaborative Relationships in Outbreaks



Other relationship-building efforts

- National Associations
- FIRSt / Epi-Ready
- Health Alert Networks
- MIFood
- Emergency Action Procedures
- State and National exercises (FDA 2007 pasta sauce exercise)
- Real Life experiences- lessons learned

Success story

- 2006 Salmonella in Orange Juice
 - MI *S. typhimurium* cases linked via PFGE to other states'
 - Good epi provided association to orange juice
 - Rapid communication to MDA from PH
 - Rapid traceback of multiple brand names to single processor in Florida
 - Rapid linkage to other states who didn't know they were connected
 - Quick response in removal from commerce nationwide

Common Challenges in Multi-jurisdictional OBs and recalls

■ State Regulatory vs Public Health

- HIPAA issues
- Epi-X and other ‘toys’

■ State vs State

- Not knowing who the players are
- Lack of travel \$ is limiting networking opportunities

■ State vs Feds

- CDC links with Fed regulatory agencies – ‘secret meetings’
- Frustration during recalls
- MOUs, jurisdictions, terminology

■ “New Players”-terminology



Communications and Info Sharing

- Speed of notification to regulators – often too slow to be effective
- Indecision-is somebody going to do something?
- Sources-media, etc.
- Rapidly changing situations affecting response
- Technology
- Confidentiality



*Fast or Right-
Which One Do You Want?*

Distribution lists



**Are
State/Federal
MOUs a help
or a
hindrance?**

- Speed is problematic
- California law
- State sharing with LHDs

Future Efforts-

Thinking Outside The Box

■ **Can we include non-government partners in OB or recalls?**

– Academia-

- Surge capacity
- ReportFoodPoisoning.com

– Industry

- building trust and strong relationships BEFORE the crisis
- Include them in planning exercises, formulating protocols or policies
- Include in SEOC
- Outreach to 'little guys'-MI EAPs

Future Efforts-

Thinking Outside The Box

- **Common systems and protocols**
 - **CIFOR**
 - **HAN**
 - **Some states' can link, others cannot**
 - **'Traveler alerts'**
 - **Some states have added Industry representatives**
 - **EPI-X-consistent access for regulators?**
 - **FoodSHIELD- a "One Stop Shop"**
 - **Communication across jurisdictions-disciplines?**
 - **Capacity-links to FERN, eLexnet, HSIN**
 - **Training**
 - **Event management**
 - **Web reporting in real time**
 - **ICS**