Foster Parent Appreciation Gala & Policy Implications

Terri Braxton

Foster Care / Adoption Program Manager

2004 Regional Homeless Enumeration Report

Steve Cleghorn, Community Partnerships for the Prevention of Homelessness
Chair, COG Homeless Services Committee

Potomac Regional Education Partnership (PREP)

Judith Davis

Mayor, City of Greenbelt

Vice Chair, PREP

PREP Overview

- Emphasis on bridging the Digital Divide
- Technology training for teachers and university faculty
- Convenes and coordinates local educational institutions
- Working with the federal government, private sector and foundations to find additional educational resources.
- Universal endorsement by local superintendents in support of our federal requests for funding.
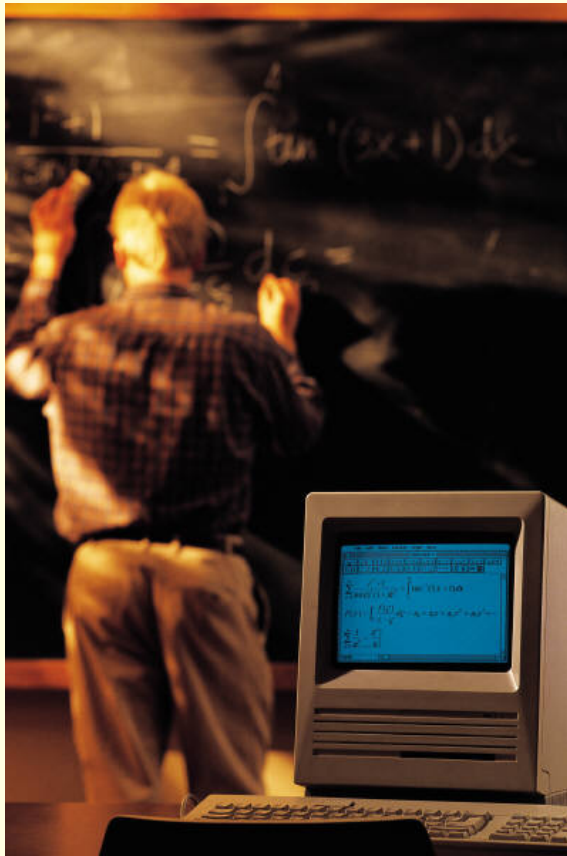
PREP Projects FY2001-02

•Potomac Technology Empowerment Center (PTEC): $200,000
•Intel's Teach to the Future: $240,000

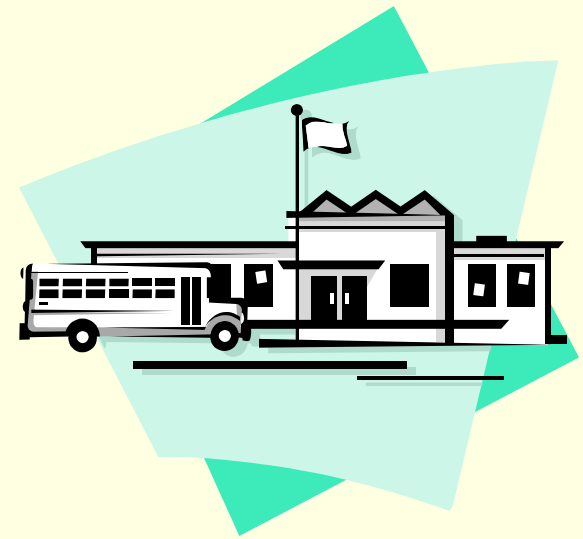| City/County	Master Teachers	Participant Teachers	Financial Impact
Alexandria City Public Schools	1	82	$23,394
Archdiocese of Washington	4	69	$93,576
Carroll County Public Schools	6	106	$140,364
District of Columbia Public Schools	20	716	$467,880
Fairfax County Public Schools	23	911	$538,062
Falls Church City Schools	1	17	$23,394
Howard County Public Schools	8	158	$187,152
Manassas City Public Schools	2	80	$46,788
Montgomery County Public Schools	19	680	$444,486
Prince George's County Public Schools	32	764	$748,608
Prince William County Schools	8	218	$187,152
Spotsylvania County Schools	2	88	$46,788
Charter and Not-for-Profit Schools	8	300	$187,152
Total	**134**	**4,189**	**$3,134,796**

Current PREP Projects

- Mentors in Technology
  - $100,000
  - FY 03-05
- Community Technology Centers in Schools
  - $120,000
  - FY 03-05
- High Schools & Community Technology Centers
  - $71,000
  - FY 03-05
- Recruiting New Teachers
  - $150,000
  - FY 03-06

Area education systems have a set of unique challenges:

- Low-income students in the region's low-performing schools are graduating with the minimum literacy and numeracy skills.

- Low – performing schools as well as poor and immigrant children are particularly behind in realizing the benefits of educational technology.

- COG school systems face higher building costs, higher salaries, and higher transportation costs than other schools in Maryland and Virginia.

- **The National Capital region is a primary target area for terrorism and that imposes enormous new costs on school systems**

COG Regional Office for Education

- This COG education office will coordinate regional school system and universities in their response to our unique regional educational challenges
- Technology solutions were identified by COG's school districts identified as the primary issue for coordination and cooperation.
- Projects and activities to be undertaken by the COG regional education office will include:
  - Professional development in technology for teachers
  - Out of school programs utilizing computer labs for students
  - Group technology purchases for PREP partners
  - Training IT support personnel for schools
  - Online school to career programs with PREP partners
  - Online advanced placement courses with PREP partners
  - Online Regional School to Careers Program
  - Online homeland security programs with PREP partners
  - Research partnership with higher education institutions
  - Federal government relations for the PREP partnership
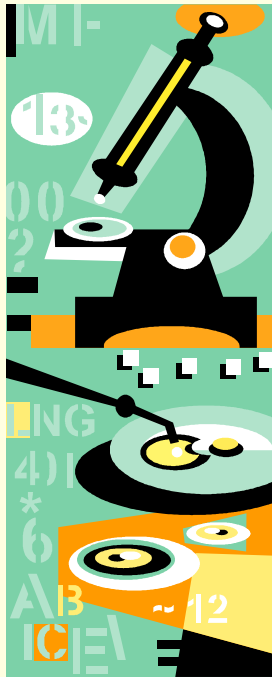 - PREP revenue-producing services, i.e., technical assistance and evaluation

Update on Disease Surveillance & Regional Health Activities

Charles Konigsberg, MD
Director, City of Alexandria Health Department
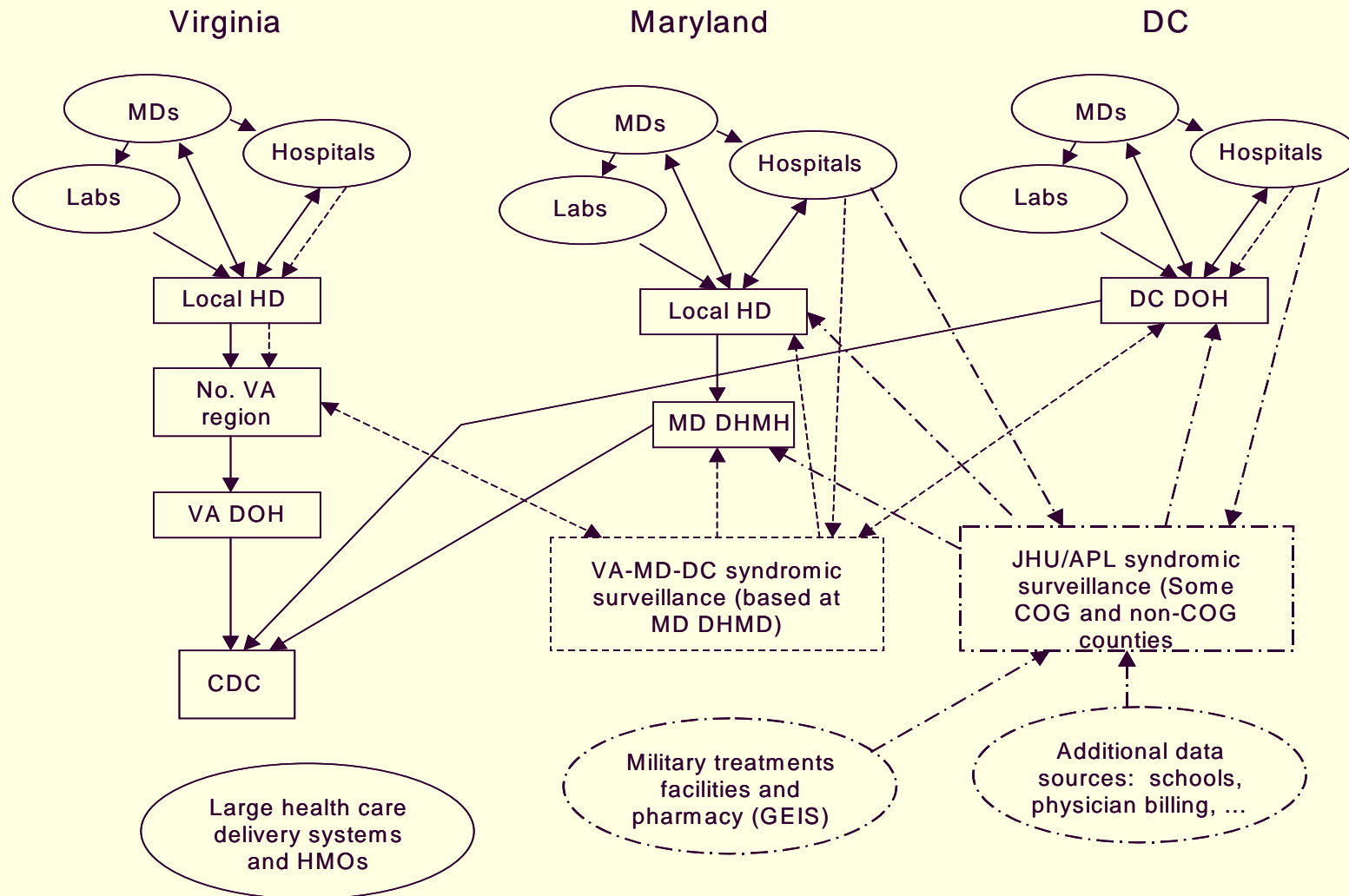Chair of Health Officials Committee

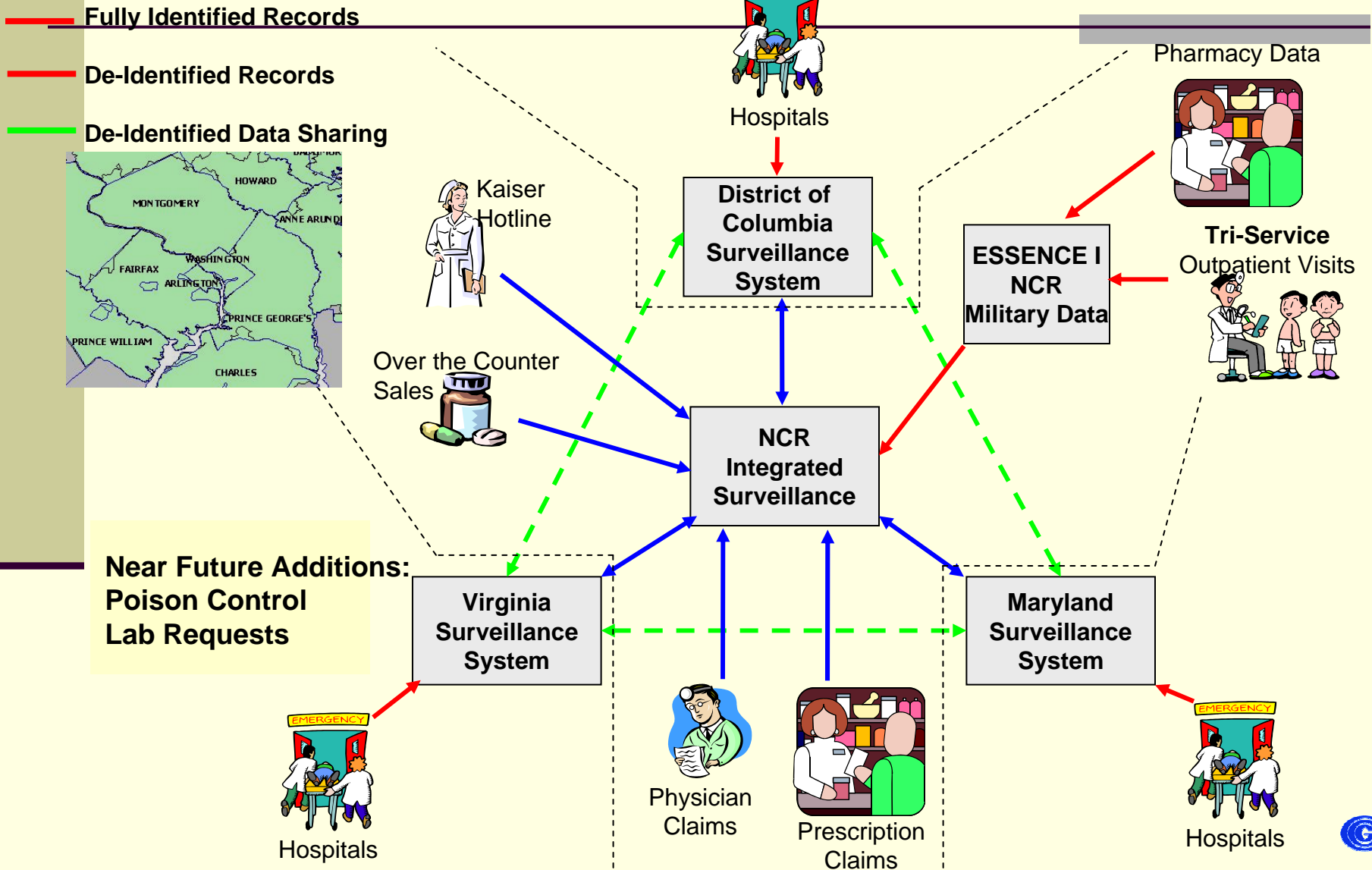# Disease Surveillance Annex: Adding **ESSENCE**

- **E**lectronic **S**urveillance **S**ystem for the **E**arly **N**otification of **C**ommunity-based **E**pidemics
- Not <u>replacing</u> traditional reporting or astute clinicians, but <u>adding</u> a new experimental adjunct and a better way of sharing information.

Previous Information Flow Did Not Provide a Clear Regional View

NCR Disease Surveillance Network
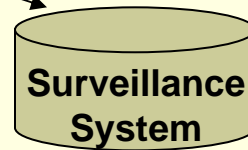## Initial Deployment

Concept for Aggressive Bio-Surveillance
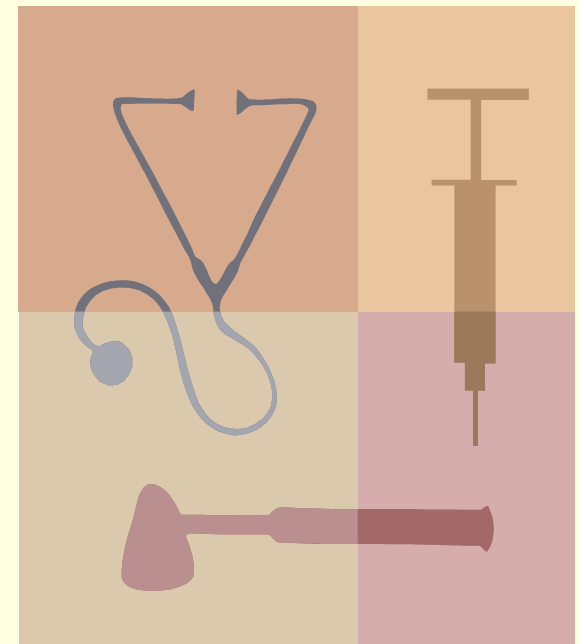# Using Non-Traditional Indicators

2004 Outcomes

Emergency Coordination

- Surge Plan
- Fit Tested Personal Protective Equipment for Staff and Volunteers
- Risk Communications Workshop
- Pre-developed Health-Related Risk Communications Messages
- Training Course for Emergency Preparedness

Regional Health Goals

- Adequate Public Health Coordination in Emergencies
- Good Coordination including Public Health, Private Health and EMS
- Increased Use of Universities as Resources
- Adequate Regional Response to Other Health Issues

Additional Outcomes

Coordination with Private Health and EMS

- *The Forum* (Co-Occurring Disorders) Newsletter
- Co-Occurring Disorders Training program
- Impaired Driving Report
- Conferences, newsletters and joint committees

Universities as Resources

- Training courses for region
- Intern programs
- ESSENCE

Outcomes (continued)

Other Priority Health Issues in the NCR

- Health Information Infrastructure System
- Obesity Summit
- Co-Occurring Disorders Training Days
- Gang Summit
- Training Course for Health Safety Net
- Advisories on how to have safe water
- Responding to Air Quality Concerns
- *Health Capsules* Newsletter

Thank you