



Northeast Central Ohio Region 5
REGIONAL WORKGROUP MEETINGS
January 15, 2008

COMMUNICATIONS

Present: Dave Randall, Mike Hildreth, Tim Adams, Bruce Shade, Kathy Coleman, Sarah Metzger, John Mason

Draft of the Tactical Communications Plan was distributed and reviewed. Discussion points included:

- Adding an Assumptions section
- Calling it a guidance document, rather than a plan
- Moving the communications training exercise to June
- Adding phone number to request an ECOMM (614-466-2660)
- Limited MARCS talk group availability
- Development of a template/proposal for programming reassignment to be taken through the Steering Committee to Dr. Jackson at ODH.
- Development of very simple instructions to be issued with the radios
- Notification issues –
 - Review school systems' notification practices
 - OPHCS system limited by licensing, not enough redundancy in system
 - Incorporating EMAs into notification procedure
 - Development of a notification algorithm?
 - Making sure that the protocol for using whatever system is developed is well-known
 - Consider just having a contact list, rather than a regional notification system, due to great variability in resources across the region.
 - Securing the plan, as well as contact list
- Coordination issues –
 - Linking the JIC (content) and the Communications Hub (technical process)
 - Including a statement in the document that coordination should be addressed in local plans.
 - Including the 5-digit issue with MARCS
 - Including how to get GETS, and how it's accessed through EMA

The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2008 at 11:00am at ARHA.