COMMUNICATIONS

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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.