COMMUNITY CONTAINMENT

Present: Kerry Kernen (for Kristi Kato) Laura Scott; Justin Bechtel, Jim Hubert; John Mason, Margo Erme; Bruce Shade.

- **Template discussion**
  Discussion was held regarding the need to develop a Community Containment template for the region. Currently four counties have community containment templates and the one from Portage County has been offered to share to the region. John Mason will send Kerry the Community Containment Plan from Portage County for the group to review prior to the next meeting in December. Per the group, Portage County has the Community Containment Plan as part of their EOP. The group remembered that Holmes County has a Community Containment Plan as part of their LHD plan. Per Margo, Summit County are currently working on developing and adopting a Community Containment Annex of which the Isolation and Quarantine section will become a tab. Akron City Health Department has an Community Containment SOG. Per Justin, Medina County has a Community Containment as part of their LHD plan but it is not currently part of the county EOP.

  This process is difficult to begin because we have never had to do it. There are numerous issues to consider such as transportation, communication and the response based on different disease entities.

  Dr. Hubert asked who might be attending the Statewide School Closure Tabletop. Dr. Hubert, Margo, Kerry and Kristi will be attending. Dr. Hubert suggested we wait to mover forward with any decisions from this group until we have the opportunity to ask the state some questions such as:

  Can we identify trigger points as to when to close schools versus when to re-open?

  What symptoms will these triggers be under?

  How might this impact pandemic flu during the summer versus regular seasonal influenza?

  How can we begin to develop a public information campaign?

  What is the state planning on putting out?

  Can we ask ODH/ODE to pre-develop consistent messages related to community containment activities during a pan flu incident?

- **Action Steps:**
  - Kristi/Bruce/Sarah to work with the regional PIO group to begin to pre craft messages and work with Brett Atkins at the state level
  - Laura is going to check with the southeast region to see if there has been any development of PIO messages related to community containment activities. Justin will check the same thing with the northeast region
  - John Mason to send Kerry a clean copy of Portage County's community containment plan. This group is to review this prior to the December meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday December 16, 2008 at 9:30am at AHRA.