NECO 5 MRC Workgroup
Minutes
Tuesday April 13th
1:30 – 3:00

Present: Marlene Martin, Susan Kovach, Tim Gabrelick, Jessica Miles, Kathy Cutlip and Ray Herbst

County Updates
Medina – volunteer recognition next week about 60 MRC to attend, held MRC 101 training and had enough on a waiting list to offer another class, Jessica will be attending the MRC conference in Nashville

Mahoning- Will be holding spring conference for their MRC, have done a newsletter recognition for their MRC, Utilizing Tier 2 money to help pay for getting the MRC 101 web version up and running, Susan developed the core MRC training from the Advanced Practice Center, developed a post test for volunteers to take, it seems to run a little less than 1 hour, and she included links to FEMA and other relevant sites. Susan offered to send out the disk from the APC titled Core Training for MRC volunteers to those in the group that requested it. She asked that you send her an e-mail with your address if you are interested. Thanks Susan!

Stark – In Stark County they are utilizing their Tier 2 money to do a 5 hour seminar for hospital physicians and Health Department medical staff, Will offer CPR and first aid class to MRC and Citizen Corps volunteers, Tim has developed MRC 101 on disk for his volunteers as the in person trainings were not well attended

Richland- Held a recognition incorporating Citizen Corps, MRC and CERT volunteers, they are utilizing the Tier 2 money to hold a dinner to market to physicians, Dr. Jackson will be the keynote speaker focusing on the importance of the MRC

Ashland – will recognize the MRC at the public health day celebration, held an emergency call center exercise and used MRC volunteers to staff the call center, they will be utilizing MRC for an upcoming health fair, shared information about the company that does background checks for them will send info to Marlene to send out with the minutes

Summit – will be holding a VRC training the end of the month, MRC recognition dinner for those who volunteered during H1N1 and seasonal flu clinics, MRC Coordinator recently took over as CC coordinator as well and has been offering trainings (Psychological first Aid, CERT, Disaster Psychology) to MRC and CC

Lessons Learned H1N1

The lessons learned from the H1N1 across the region include:

- It might have been helpful to have more people to register volunteers if not using a VRC
- Something that worked well was having the volunteers oriented and training before the vaccine was even available
- Background checking volunteers using preemploy.com, ray uses this company and it costs about $10.00 per background check. The info Ray sent me on this company is attached to the minutes
- The VRC was a valuable asset for the registration and credentialing of volunteers. The concept really worked well and can be expanded or retracted to fit the need.

MRC Database

Marlene asked to see if our region was interested in an Ohio responds database tutorial per David O'Riley. It was the consensus of the group that we were not interested at this time. Marlene will report to David that there is no interest at this time in the NECO5 region.

PIO Workgroup

The NECO 5 PIO workgroup offered during their working meeting in June to develop some marketing materials for the region to help facilitate an increase in MRC enrollment. These would be materials such as brochures, letterhead, press releases and maybe a tag line that could be used throughout the region for consistency. The recommendation of the group was to go ahead and let them develop some materials for us to take a look at but they wanted to make sure there would be MRC representation at the workgroup meeting. Marlene Martin the MRC Coordinator from Summit County is also on the PIO workgroup as well. The invitation is open for any other MRC Coordinators that would like to attend that meeting will be held at ARHA building on W. Market St. on June 8th from 9:30 – 12:00.

Update Contact List

The MRC committee contact list needs to be updated on a consistent basis so Marlene asked for volunteers to take on that role. Jessica Miles will update the contact list and keep it up to date on a yearly basis. If you have any contact information that has changed please send her an e-mail at jmiles@medinahealth.org so she can update the contact list.

Next Meeting

The next NECO MRC workgroup meeting will take place on Tuesday June 15th from 2:00 – 3:30. Go To Meeting information will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Martin