MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS WORKGROUP

Present: Tim Gabrelcik, Meghan Woodward, Kristi Kato, Marlene Martin, Kim Villers, Joseph Diorio, Susan Kovach, Jessica Miles, Amber Ray Herbst, Kathi Cutlip

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Kristi Kato, NECO Public Health Coordinator.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Kristi Kato welcomed the group and had everyone begin their updates.

III. Updates from Individual County Units

- STARK – Stark is partnering with Summit County to hold a combined MRC 101 training on April 18th. At the MRC 101 training they will be piloting ICS 100 at the actually training. Tim and Marlene will report on the outcome at the next meeting. Tim plans on using his volunteers at a Safe Kids event to provide first aid.
- WAYNE – Wayne County is planning to functional exercises for this year. The first is a HAZMAT exercise with their county EMA. The second is a four county exercise including Wayne, Holmes, Ashland and Richland. Meghan is also looking to recruit more non-medical volunteers.
- SUMMIT – Please see STARK. The Summit County MRC will be participating in an EMA exercise in late April. Marlene is also planning a recognition dinner. She met with RSVP and is hoping to utilize their volunteers at the VRC, much like Richland and Portage.
- PORTAGE – Kim has the Portage County VRC Training scheduled for March 20th. In June, working with the County EMA she plans to pull together a local design team to address community preparedness and participating out of the target capabilities list in an exercise. She would like to offer some continuing education units for at least part of the exercise day.
- RICHLAND – Richland has been working on training their MRC volunteers on ICS 100, 700, and 800. Kathi has also done a lot with training on walkie-talkie's. She feels like may of her volunteers do not feel comfortable using them. Kathi will also be holding a full day EOC exercise as well as conducting a mass mailing for recruitment.
- MAHONING – Mahoning has been offering MRC training at their local hospitals. They have teamed up with Forum Health to present at the Grand Rounds on public health preparedness. With trainings being continued over the next month. For the residents they have offered two hour sessions on ICS 100 and 700. Susan is going to be sending the model they have been utilizing to the group. They have also contacted the state to ask if Youngstown State needs to start their own student MRC or if they can fall under the County MRC unit. Mahoning also conducted a successful media campaign utilizing the PSA announcements.
- MEDINA – Jessica will be conducting an Intro to MRC next week, she has 35 individuals signed up to attend the course. She is also going to be conducting a recognition dinner in April. One objective Medina County has is to address the special needs populations.

- ASHLAND – Ray is going to be holding to seminar open to the public on "What is the MRC." Ashland has been awarded the Tier 2 grant which will allow them to work with hospital administrators and hopefully break down barriers that currently exist.

IV. NECO MRC Policy/Procedure Manual Template Update

- Marlene recruited for the Policy Development Workgroup. Jessica and Susan both agreed to help out with the manual template the group will be meeting sometime before the next meeting.

V. NECO Hospital HR Meeting Report

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VI. NECO Counties VRC Partners

- The question was posed to the group who they partnered with to staff their VRC.
- Richland County uses RSVP to staff their VRC. They have been assisting the health department for years. The RSVP volunteers have more time because they are retired and seniors. There are 25 RSVP's in the state and most cover more than one county.
- In Portage County the EMA suggested that they contact the RSVP for volunteers to run the VRC.
- A question came up in regards to how to pick out VRC staff out of the MRC database. The group determined it was a question for David; Marlene stated that she would check with him and report back to the group at the next meeting.

VII. NECO MRC Chair

- Kerry Kernen stepped down as MRC Chair. Kristi opened the floor for nominations; in the end Marlene Martin has accepted the position of Chair of the MRC Workgroup.

VIII. Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on May 12 via Go-To-Webinar. A reminder will be sent out closer to the meeting date. If you have agenda suggestions please email them to kkato@schd.org or mmmartin@schd.org.

IX. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned.