NECO 5 MRC Workgroup Meeting
August 18, 2009

Minutes

Present: Tim Gabarlick, Dr. Hubert, Jessica Miles, Marlene Martin, Susan Kovach, Ray Herbst, Vaughn Anderson

MRC Unit Reports:

- Ashland – ICS 100 for MRC volunteers, Ashland County Fair MRC volunteers will participate
- Medina – Introduction to MRC 101 offered next month
- Columbiana – Red Cross will be conducting a Blood Born Pathogen class for MRC volunteers
- Summit – Will be doing a two part POD training: POD #1 in October on the 6th from 9:00 – 11:30 and the 19th from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm and POD Part #2 November 10th from 9:00 – 11:30 and November 16th from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. Will open up to MRC coordinators to observe although the space will be limited so will not be able to take any out of county MRC unless we have openings. The MRC will be taking a web based introduction to PODS prior to the trainings located at http://www2.cdc.gov/phtn/antibiotic/default.asp.

H1N1/Seasonal Flu Plans By County

- Medina – scheduling clinics at this point, feels like they will utilize MRC but at this point the plans are not finalized. Jessica gave the nursing supervisor a scheduling tool to help with the scheduling of the MRC for clinics. The MRC volunteers are coordinated through the MRC coordinator not the nursing supervisor.
- Ashland – There will be 3 clinics Oct. 20, 27 and Nov. 13th. Still planning on how they will utilize the MRC volunteers. There has been no specific plans for H1N1. Maxim is a private company that solicits to smaller health districts to help get staff for mass clinics. Ray has concerns that it may undermine his opportunity to get MRC volunteers to participate. There is a small pool of medical professionals in Ashland Co. and Maxim coming in and trying to hire them for the clinics may give him problems as he looks to those same people to volunteer for the MRC.
- Columbiana – The dates for the seasonal clinics are set for September and they will be utilizing MRC volunteers as well as

staff. They will be doing their drive through clinics in October. And the plan is to do H1N1 clinics the end of October.

- Stark – working on POD planning for 1 large clinic, will likely work with schools to do vaccinations after school, utilization of MRC volunteers for H1N1 and seasonal flu as well.
- Holmes Co.- have seasonal flu clinics scheduled up to end of September; will not give H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccinations at the same time in clinics. Are planning on doing vaccinations for H1N1 after school. Have had a flu update meeting with MRC to bring them up to speed on plans since they will be staffing both H1N1 and seasonal clinics.
- Summit Co.- Will be conducting seasonal flu clinics throughout the month of September. The MRC will be staffing all of our clinics (total of 11). The H1N1 planning is till ongoing the plan is to utilize the MRC as to how the clinics will be set up is unknown at this time.

The subject of background checks had come up and Marlene Martin reported that she had attended a statewide call regarding background checks. There has been an agreement between OEMA and the Sate Highway Patrol office that the State Highway Patrol will run background checks through a liaison on scene at a Volunteer reception Center. This concept was still in the planning stages on this call in June of 2009 but it seemed that the call for activation would come from the county EMA to the Ohio State Highway Patrol office and they would then dispatch a liaison into the field to run background checks as the volunteers are checked in through the VRC. This was a concept that was supposed to be presented at the annual OEMA meeting in the Fall that I since found out has been canceled so I am not sure at this point where those planning efforts have left off.

Please let me know if I forgot anyone who was present in the minutes and please feel free to correct any of the statements as you see fit. I wanted to make sure these got out to you all as quickly as possible.

We have decided as a group to meet the second Tuesday of every other month from 1:30 – 3:00.

The remaining meeting dates for the year are:
October 13, 2009 from 1:30 – 3:00
December 8, 2009 from 1:30 – 3:00

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Martin