



**NORTHEAST CENTRAL OHIO REGION 5
PUBLIC HEALTH PLANNING COMMITTEE
JUNE 14, 2007**

Attendees: T. Merrick, GCHD; Kathy Salapata, Niles City; Rita Spahlinger, Trumbull Co. HD; Glen Moore, Akron City HD; Sandi Golden-Vesz, ODH-BPHD; Mark Keeler, ODH; Gene Nixon, SCHD; Suzanne Albury, TCHD; Dianne Passage, Columbiana Co. HD; Margo Erme, Akron HD; Susan Varnes, Wayne Co. HD; Sue Mischka, RCHD; Lynette Blasiman, RCHD; Sandy Swann, Trumbull Co. HD; Lucinda Sentner, Trumbull Co. HD; Kelly Engelhart, Portage Co HD; Linda McCarty, Ashland Co. HD; Krisen Hildreth, Medina County HD; Vaughn Anderson, Holmes HD; Chris Kiehl, Carroll Co. HD; Susan Kovach, Mahoning Co HD; Kristi Kato, Summit Co. HD; Robert Pattison, Canton City HD; James Hubert, DO, MS, Tuscarawas County HD; Judy Tornabene, RN, BSN, Tusc Co. HD; Kerry Kernan, SCHD; Leanne Beavers, BHD; Jim Smith, Shelby City HD; David Randall, MORCHD; Joan Robis, NPCHD; Amy Rine, BHD; Al Sanders, Ashland Co-Ci HD; Michael Moser, Akron HD; John Ferlito, Kent City HD; Mary Derr, Mansfield-Ontario Richland Co.; DuWayne Porter, Portage Co. HD; Amy Ascani, Stark Co. HD; Kim Villers, Portage Co. HD

Meeting was called to order by David Nunley, Regional Public Health Coordinator.

Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made by Gene Nixon; seconded by Bob Pattison. Unanimous approval.

Work Group Report Outs

Plan Review – David Nunley

The Plan Review group has been working on developing a guidance document for the health departments in the region and they've been working with ODH. Jeff Jones and Sandi Golden-Vesz from ODH were present at the meeting. Jeff provided a synopsis of their efforts, including meeting with the local health departments to help with systematic plan development and developing a common format for health departments to use in conjunction with local EMAs. They are also working on Planning and Risk Management standards for the PHI grant. Feedback was requested from the group.

Website – David Nunley

The regional website is underway. Kathy Coleman has been working on its development. Sample pages were distributed and feedback from the group was requested regarding content for the work group pages.

Mass Dispensing – Kelly Engelhart/Gillian Solem

The group has been working on developing a regional map with potential PODS sites. Group is asking for feedback from health commissioners regarding the coordination of POD site selection among adjacent counties/jurisdictions.

Mark Keeler from ODH has been meeting with the regional coordinators and the Mass Dispensing group to discuss SNS coordination. A main point from those meetings was that it is now acceptable for LHDs to reference their relationship/agreements with their local EMA in their plans, rather than having to recreate another structure for something that already exists, as long as the EMAs have MOUs established and specifics are written into the LHD's plan. Standardized templates are also encouraged by the EMAs.

Summit County has purchased some of the Washington signs to review for clinic use across the region.

PIO – Kristen Hildreth

The Public Health and Regional PIO groups have been sharing information through email. Kristen encouraged anyone with fresh ideas to step into the role of chair, as she has held the position for two years and feels the group needs new direction.

Education and Training

No report.

MRC – Kerry Kernen

The MRC group has been meeting on a monthly basis with every county represented. They are looking at standardizing some aspects of the MRC programs, such as training and registration. Some counties are running into problems obtaining CMEs and CEUs, so they may use other basic training. Specific trainings may be developed based on volunteer input and shared across the region. Badging options, background checks and notification are being discussed. Folders will be put on OPHCS to share documents.

Epi – Susan Kovach

Susan Kovach will be stepping down from the chair position; Kate Lanza from the Summit County Health District will be taking over that role.

Calendar of Events

ICS 300 – July 10, 11, 12 at NEOUCOM. If interested, email David.

ICS 400 – August 21 and 22, location to be determined.

Other

David Nunley announced that he will be relocating to the Columbus area at the end of August.

The next meeting will be August 30, 2007 at NEOUCOM from 9:30am – 10:45am

Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Moser; seconded by Joan Robis. Unanimous approval.