



**NORTHEAST CENTRAL OHIO REGION 5
PUBLIC HEALTH PLANNING COMMITTEE
JUNE 19, 2007**

Attendees: Tim Adams, Regional PH Coordinator; Ray Herbst, Ashland Co-Ci HD; Jim Smith, Shelby City HD; Nancy O'Diam, MORCHD; Stephen Schwarzwalder, HCHD; Kristen Hildreth, Med.Co.HD; Kerry Kernan, SCHD; Kathy Coleman, SCHD; Chris Barker, SCHD; Glen Moore, Akron Health; David Randall, MORCHD; Mary Derr, MORCHD; Bob Hasenyager, SCHD; Linda Ewing, Mahoning Co. Bd. of Health; Joseph Diorio, Mahoning Co. DBOH; DJ McFadden, Holmes Co Gen HD; Melanie Campbell, Carroll County Health Dept.; Amy Rine, Barberton Health District; Dr. Jim Hubert, Tusc. County HD; Bob Zehentbauer, Columbiana Co. HD; Susan Varnes, Wayne Co. HD; Kim Villers, Portage Co. HD; Lynette Blasiman, Ravenna City Health; Kelly Engelhart, Portage County HD; Sue Mischka, RCHD; Vaughn Anderson, Holmes Co. HD; Kristi Kato, Summit Co. HD; Gene Nixon, Summit Co. HD; Leanne Beavers, Barerton HD; Sandy Swann, Trumbull Co. HD; Joan Robis, New Phila City HD; Suzanne Albury, Tusc Co. HD; Judy Tornabene, Tusc. Co. HD

- Meeting was called to order by Tim Adams.
- Motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting was made by Gene Nixon; second by Kerry Kernan. Unanimous approval.

REGIONAL EXERCISE UPDATE

- Bob Hasenyager reviewed the status of the plans for the regional exercise. A handout providing an overview was provided.
- The Controller/Evaluator training has been moved to July 8 at Stark County HD and July 9 at Summit County HD.
- Adam Negley from OSU has been contracted to provide support for the exercise, including doing the After-Action and Corrective-Action reports.
- Concerns were previously raised that there may not be enough for the EMAs to do during the exercise. Bob encouraged Public Health to involve EMAs in discussion regarding their role during a pandemic, especially concerning policy issues and to contact EMA to advise them of the lead up messages that will begin June 30, so that they are aware of the current status of the scenario and the constraints on the system when the exercise begins.

2009 REGIONAL EXERCISE

Tim introduced Dan Sweeney, consultant from ODH. Dan reported that Hospitals are required to conduct a regional exercise in 2009 and proposed the idea that Public Health join with them. Not all counties would have to participate and Public Health could incorporate all three of their 2009 exercise requirements into the hospital exercise using an all-hazards approach. A decision does not need to be made right away, but the group was encouraged to begin thinking about it.

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH PLANNING CONCEPT

Glen Moore reported that the return on the EOP Plan Assessment sent to the 29 health departments was only 58%, despite an extension of the deadline. He requested feedback from the group as to whether to try to collect the outstanding assessments or to move on to the next stage with the information currently available. A suggestion was made to personally contact the health

departments that have not responded to determine whether they will be able to complete the assessment. After making that determination, then move to the next step, which is developing assistance documents such as templates and sample component documents in ESF and Annex formats.

NECO EMERGENCY CALL LIST

Tim reported that requests have been made from the hospitals for a 24/7 Public Health contact list. Public Health has been working on compiling a list, but many individuals have indicated that they do not want their home or cell numbers on the list. Discussion points included:

- EMA already has an emergency contact system in place and circumventing that system by providing direct numbers may lead to more confusion.
- Even if the list is not used for emergency purposes and only includes work numbers, a “one-stop-shop” listing for public health personnel in the region would be helpful.
- The inability of the hospitals to reach public health personnel may be an internal communication issue, i.e., the necessary information is available, but the personnel involved may not know how to access it.

Further discussion on the matter will take place at the Steering and Executive Committees.

OTHER

A suggestion was made to include a folder on the NECO website for posting drills, exercises, etc. Kathy Coleman stated that it could be easily incorporated into the website.

- The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2008.
- A motion to adjourn was made by Joan Robis; second by Gene Nixon. Unanimous approval.