



## NORTHEAST CENTRAL OHIO REGION 5 PUBLIC HEALTH PLANNING COMMITTEE DECEMBER 13, 2007

**Attendees:** Glen Moore, AHD; Al Sanders, Ashland Co-Ci HD; Jim Smith, Shelby City HD; Stephen Schwarzwald, Holmes Co HD; Bob Hasenyager, Summit Co HD; Brent Paulus, Summit Co HD; Judi Roman, Trumbull Co; Debbie Mukosh, Trumbull Co; Amy Rine, Barberton HD; Amy Ascani, Stark Co HD; John Ferlito, Kent City HD; Michael Moser, Akron HD; DuWayne Porter, Portage Co. HD; Gilliam Solem, Summit Co Health; Linda Ewing, Mahoning Co. Health; Kristi Kato, Summit Co; Mary Derr, MORCHD, Lucinda Sentner, Trumbull Co HD; Susan Kovach, Mahoning Co BOH; Rose Ferraro, Portage Co HD; Kim Villers, Portage Co HD; Lynette Blasiman, Rav. City HD; Kelly Engelhart, Portage Co HD; Suzanne Allbury, Tus Co HD; Joan Robis, New Phila City HD; Kerry Kernan, SCHD; Vaughn Anderson, Holmes Co., Stan Saalman, Mansfield/Richland; David Randall, MORCHD; Kristen Hildreth, Medina Co HD; Nancy O'Diam, MORCHD; Denise Close, MORCHD; Justin Bechtel, Medina Co HD; Jim Adams, Canton City; Dr. Jim Hubert, Tuscarawas County; Daniel Raub, Medina Co., Melanie Campbell, Carroll County Health; Sandy Swann, Trumbull Co. HD.

**Motion to approve minutes from last meeting was made by Gill Solem; second by Chip Porter. Unanimous approval.**

### **BTEAM UPDATE**

Gene Nixon reported on the November 30 meeting.

- The SWIPERS (now known as Patient Data Tracking) subcommittee has been meeting and discussion continues on how to meet the CDC requirements for tracking, whether through an electronic or paper system. Gene reminded the group not to pay the SWIPERS maintenance fee.
- A representative from the CDC's COPTER group spoke to the Team about BT/PHI funding and reminded them that there is flexibility at the state level on how the funding is spent. Next year's funding will decrease from \$25M to \$17-18M, the bulk of which will come from pandemic funding, with PHI funding decreasing 10-20%.
- Funding for a regional exercise was cut during previous negotiations with ODH; however, there is no requirement for the amount of money that must be spent, so individual resources can be utilized to the extent deemed appropriate by individual entities. A document regarding regional exercise requirements and funding will be going out through OPHCS.

### **EXERCISE DESIGN**

Bob Hasenyager reported that the Exercise Design Team has attempted to solicit input from the health commissioners regarding direction of the design team in terms of funding, resources, etc., however the response was minimal. Handouts were provided detailing the requirements, resources, funding, upcoming exercises and options regarding a regional exercise. A decision needs to be made by January 31, 2008. Decisions were made by hand vote to:

- Approve the contribution of \$4184 in regional money to the regional exercise rather than using it for a badging system for MRC
- Conduct a regional exercise, rather than local exercises
- Support the regional exercise through contribution of in-kind services, rather than financial support.

The EDT will rework some elements of the plan and distribute for feedback via email.

### **WORKGROUP REPORT OUTS**

Due to time constraints, Report Outs were not presented. Anyone wishing to post their report on the regional website may submit it to Kathy Coleman.