



NORTHEAST CENTRAL OHIO REGION 5 Steering Committee Meeting March 26, 2009

Attendees: Linda Beil, Trumbull EMA; Buck Adams, Medina Co. EMA; Christina Fozio, Medina County EMA; Steve Schwarzwaldner, Holmes Co. HD; Jim Smith, Shelby City HD; Greg Smith, Medina Hospital; Melanie Campbell, Carroll County health Dept.; Ricki Gedeon, Summa Wadsworth Rittman; Sandy Swann, Trumbull Co. Health Dept; Steve Bosso, Twinsburg Fire; Glen Moore, Akron AHD; Patty Levengood, Tuscarawas Co. EMA; Linda Knee, Wooster Community Hospital; Gene Nixon, Summit Co. HD; Janet Brown, Twin City Hospital; Susan Varnes, Wayne Co. HD; George Snyder, Trumbull Memorial Hospital; Tom Carchedi, Northside Medical Center; Kristi Kato, NEC O PH; George Baumgardner, Affinity Medical Center; Scott Martin, Akron General; Susan Kovach, MCDBOH; Kim Villers, Portage County HD; Jessical Miles, MCHD; Vicki Rosser, Samaritan, David Calderone, Summit Co.; Justin Bechtel, Medina Co. HD; Leanne Beavers, Barberton HD; Mary Derr, MORCHD; Nancy O'Diam, MORCHD; Margo Erme, Akron Health Department; Robin Brown, Summa Health System; Robert Walker, Robinson Memorial Hospital; Amanda Tice, AGMC; Daniel Raub, Medina Co. HD; Tim Warstler, Stark Co. EMA; James Woolf, Brady Lake Police Dept.; Jim McGeehen, Alliance Comm Hospital; Nicole Hickenbottom, Aultman Hospital; Peter McDaniel, Mercy Medical Center; Lorie Lerner, Akron Children's; Chris Snow, Lodi Comm.; Lori Josefczyk, Dunlap Comm; Mike Hildreth, MedCenter Mansfield/Shelby; Joseph Diorio, Mahoning BOH; Kelly Engelhart, Portage County HD

- The meeting was called to order by John Mason.
- Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Greg Smith; seconded by Bob Walker. Unanimous voice approval.
- Bob Walker provided an update on EPRI. Thus far, 30 agencies have entered their information into the tool, but only 8 are recognized as having completed the entry. Bob advised the group that each field must be filled in, even if the field quantity is zero, in order for it to register as complete. Some users reported similar problems; Sarah Metzger stated that she would work with users having difficulty and would work with the developer if necessary to resolve any issues.
- A motion was made by Buck Adams to approve the Tactical Interoperable Communications Guidance Document; seconded by Bob Walker. Approved by voice vote with 2 abstentions.
- Discussion regarding police/fire involvement. Discussion points included the lack of clarity among the police/fire community as to the purpose and scope of NECO, efforts that have been made to engage them and barriers to their participation. Suggestions for improvement included:
 - Bruce Shade will try to meet with the Fire and Police Chiefs Associations to engage them more.
 - A motion was made by Kelly Engelhart, seconded by Mike Hildreth, that the Executive Committee begin working on developing a strategic plan for NECO. The motion was approved by voice vote. It was suggested that a survey be conducted of the membership to help identify the direction that the group wants to pursue.
 - A hard-copy document outlining NECO's scope and function may be a useful tool in attracting membership.
- Chris Woolverton from Kent State conducted a PowerPoint presentation on Laboratory Services during Disasters. John Mason stated that more informational presentations regarding local efforts are planned for future meetings.
- Bob Walker made a motion that a letter of recognition be sent to Annette Petranic on behalf of NECO; seconded by Gene Nixon. Unanimous voice approval.
- The next meeting will be held on June 18, 2009 at 11:00am at NEOUCOM.
- There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Greg Smith and seconded by Mike Hildreth. Unanimous approval.