

**New Hampshire Medical Reserve Corps Coordinators' Meeting  
September 10, 2010**

**Participants:** Alyson Cobb (CHI, recorder), Curtis Metzger (DHHS), Dom DiNatale (Volunteer NH), James Hicks and Eileen Fernandez (Greater Monadnock MRC), Steve Allen (Upper Valley MRC), Carlene Ferrier (Carroll County MRC), Jessica McAuliff (Greater Sullivan County MRC), Tym Roark (NH Charitable Foundation), Gale Taylor (Greater Nashua MRC)

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<p><b>Discussion with the NH Charitable Foundation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tym is Director of Programs for the NHCF- oversees grant program and also focuses on substance abuse prevention</li> <li>- NHCF is the state's largest provider of student aid and one of the largest community foundations in the country; also major funder of the Center for Nonprofits</li> <li>- NHCP works statewide but is organized with 8 regions each managed by a program officer; also do statewide programs (where projects/groups that cross region lines would apply to as well)</li> <li>- Conservatively invest donations; grants given out are really profits from investments</li> <li>- Grant to 501(c)3s, faith, and governmental organizations, cannot grant to 501(c)6s or for faith-based work; can fund lobbying and advocacy while most others can't</li> <li>- Are expecting grant funds to drop over next few years</li> <li>- 2 types of grant programs at the moment (info will change in January):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Express grants (under \$5,000)- for capacity-building activities; unique, moment-in-time project; March 1 and Sept 2 deadlines, decision withing 4-6 weeks; really cautious about funding any groups in operation less than 2 years due to economy; limited to organizations under \$300,000/year (actual agent, not fiscal agent); revised application materials will be posted in January</li> <li>- Community Impact Grants (up to \$25,000/year for statewide organizations, \$20,000/year for regions)- more grants for unrestricted operating support (must have board approved strategic plan for 3-5 years, strong board/staff leadership, track record of success, organizational self assessment, diversified funding with plans for sustainability, operating requests may not exceed 10% of operating budget) and less for project support (focused set of activities conducted during a stated period of time and with clearly stated deliverables- further mission, well-timed strategy, clear evidence of impact on organization or community; no 10% limit); very limited number of multi-year grants- must talk to program officer before applying for; April 1 and Oct 1 deadlines, hear in about 3 months; will not go to all-volunteer organizations, must have at least 1 paid staff member</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Grant about 48% of applications received</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meet with NH Center for Nonprofits to further develop MRCs</li> <li>- Check out schedule of events at <a href="http://www.nhnonprofits.org/training.cfm">http://www.nhnonprofits.org/training.cfm</a></li> <li>- Watch for grant-seeker trainings and webinars in late-January</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To find more information about grant programs, go to <a href="http://www.nhcf.org">www.nhcf.org</a> / grants and scholarships / grant seekers / grant programs</li> <li>- To find regional program officer- contact us / program (also welcome to contact Tym (statewide), Debra (statewide), or Ann (health))</li> <li>- There is also a large North Country-specific grant program</li> <li>- Grant-seeker trainings all across the state as well as webinars- all rolled out in late-January</li> </ul>	
<b>Unit Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Greater Nashua MRC</b>- involved in volunteer outreach program in September, Pumpkin Festival in October, and recruiting at Merrimack Business Expo</li> <li>- <b>Strafford County MRC and Greater Exeter MRC</b>- completed NACCHO applications; fall core trainings in October; all sorts of Preparedness Month outreach (workshops in libraries, farmers markets)</li> <li>- <b>Lakes Region MRC</b>- Preparedness Month outreach through fairs, multicultural day, invited to a lot of employee health fairs; orientation last night with 4 new members, 6 members at orientation last month; core training with CERT starting soon</li> <li>- <b>Northern NH MRC</b>- Health Fair in Colebrook; organization event of ACC supplies by end of the month; completed NACCHO application</li> <li>- <b>Greater Derry MRC</b>- partnership program with first time juvenile offender diversion program to assemble cots; Preparedness and flu info events coming up; NACCHO grant submitted; MRC members will be involved in med surge planning process</li> <li>- <b>Upper Valley MRC</b>- just did New Member Orientation for 5; went to Safety Fair; a lot of controversy with being a multi-state unit, will be bringing both states together to talk</li> <li>- <b>Carroll County MRC</b>- finished handbook; committee will be planning orientation; Theresa has resigned- had not been having a lot of luck bringing EMDs on board; NACCHO grant done               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some units have had a lot of success with EMDs while others have had none- can't wait for EMDs, should include them but don't rely on them</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Greater Sullivan County MRC</b>- Jessica was runner up for National Public Health Leadership Award for MRC work; applying for NACCHO grant again! worked with inmates to restock blankets, Tupperware, etc.; 2 Preparedness Month trainings, 2 health and safety fairs, and 1 employee fair; had a member go to federal deployment training</li> <li>- <b>Greater Monadnock MRC</b>- submitted NACCHO application; Keene did emergency preparedness guide in newspaper and MRC had article in it; sent out 1,002 letters to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- United Way and Volunteer NH have page to look for professionals who</li> </ul>

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	<p>medical professionals and have received over 50 applications; orientation tomorrow for 12-14 people; trainings coming up: CPR, 2 personal preparedness trainings, and partnering with Boy Scouts for Youth Protective Trainings; developing website- looking for web help</p>	<p>want to volunteer (i.e. graphic designers, web designers, etc.)</p>
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>How managing databases?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strafford County/Exeter use Volgistics</li> <li>- Curtis has applied for money for ESAR-VHP to buy a more robust ESAR-VHP system that would also have MRC on there and would give coordinators administrative rights- MRC units could use as registration and volunteer management system</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Statewide Recruitment-</b> Alyson has put together a list of the major conferences she recruited at last year and is looking for coordinators/units to take responsibility for each. She will provide those recruiting with display, recruitment flyers, and NH MRC giveaways. See the attached "NH MRC Recruitment Schedule" and e-mail Alyson to volunteer for one of the conferences.</li> <li>- <b>Statewide Training Calendar-</b> Much of the information has been incomplete; be sure to include unit name, training name, training date and time, training locations (address), RSVP information, and any other information MRC volunteers should know in order to be included on the statewide training calendar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review conferences on list. E-mail Alyson if you would like to recruit on behalf of the state at any of them or see any missing.</li> <li>- E-mail Alyson complete information about trainings you have scheduled that other units' volunteers are welcome to attend.</li> </ul>
<b>MOU with American Red Cross</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tabled due to time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will be discussed at October meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Brainstorming trainings for 2011 MRC Training Conferences</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Curtis and Alyson have met with Dom and will be meeting with Ian and Zachary (new ARC Readiness manager) to discuss a joint MRC/CERT/ARC training conference.</li> <li>- Reviewed training requests on 2010 conference evaluations.</li> <li>- Training possibilities: PFA, CDLS, session about collaborations between MRC, CERT, and ARC, sheltering training (focusing more on regional model; include animal sheltering?), a tabletop, CPR, First Aid, leadership workshop, CERT modules split up, DAT 1, chainsaw training, wires down training by PSNH, traffic control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- E-mail Alyson any other training conferences session ideas.</li> </ul>