

New Hampshire Medical Reserve Corps Coordinators' Meeting February 17, 2011

Participants: Gene Heighton (Greater Nashua MRC), Eileen Fernandes (Greater Monadnock), Steve Allen (Upper Valley MRC), Becky Bowers (North Country), Brita Nettleton (Greater Manchester MRC), Carlene Ferrier (Carroll County), Kim Coffey-Philbrick (Greater Portsmouth MRC), Curtis Metzger (NH DHHS ESU), Rich Hanegan (Pelham MRC), and Heather Makechnie (Greater Plymouth and Greater Franklin/Bristol MRC), Alyson Cobb (CHI, recorder)

Call In: Brandy Rhorer (Carroll County MRC), Michelle Whitenack (Lakes Region), Samantha Brann (Greater Exeter and Strafford County MRC)

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Unit Updates- All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greater Nashua MRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 30 people at meeting last week for Autism training o Meetings and trainings in alternating months o 5 pharmacists that are forming a sub-team o Want to work with Nashua and Amherst CERTs to help them remain active o With extra stuffed envelopes from medical professional mailing- will be giving to volunteers at next meeting to add a personal letter and send out to people they know o March 29- HOSA conference in Manchester - Greater Monadnock MRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Starting to plan for next prescription takeback event o Looking to partner with the ARC for a blood drive - Upper Valley MRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o MRC is leaving Dartmouth-Hitchcock and going to Lebanon Fire Department o Snowmobile event requested assistance for first aid tent but are having trouble finding volunteers available o Held a Hearing Protection class - Carroll County MRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Carlene has been working with 2 coordinators to get them oriented o Functional Exercise on April 1st – open MACE, EOC, and do volunteer call down (will be using constant contact for call down)- volunteers will also show up at the MACE to get their badge o Working on newsletter - North Country <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Just had first orientation since 2009- 15 attendees including several HOSA volunteers o PFA in March o Scheduling call down drill o Trying to get volunteers involved in hospital drills - Greater Franklin/Bristol and Greater Plymouth MRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Heather has been hired as part time volunteer coordinator for both regions o Recruitment campaigns going on in both regions o Jim and Donna presented at CCNTR Annual Meeting 	<p>If MRCs are interested in taking part in a medication take back event, contact your local substance abuse coalition. Find the contact information at http://www.nhcenterforexcellence.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=24&Itemid=15. Also, Nashua has a lot of pharmacists if anyone is looking for one for an event.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be having an MRC orientation every month from March to June ○ Had CERT Animal Module training last night ○ PFA and ham radio course coming up - Greater Manchester MRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive Board meeting last week- planned training calendar through June and talked about volunteer engagement ○ Held a NEHC workshop last week with DBHRT, holding orientations in April and June, want to hold an IS 100 and POD trainings - Greater Portsmouth MRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working with Strafford County and Greater Exeter ○ Working with SNH-AHEC; AHEC received a grant for emergency preparedness trainings and are paying for trainers and CEUs ○ Will be offering a Triage and Autism training ○ Have about 30 members ○ Looking to do another mailing soon ○ Sent 2 people to mass fatality training in San Diego and will be developing a training out of it. ○ Is anyone using Meet Up (www.meetup.com)? - Greater Exeter and Strafford County MRCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working with Greater Portsmouth MRC ○ Strafford County- recruiting for Advisory Council, invited a targeted group to a meet and greet ○ Greater Exeter- all volunteers are covered for workers comp and liability through fire department ○ Spring training in Fremont- town is doing a lot of the recruiting for it and there has been a lot of interest - Lakes Region MRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working on strategic planning around policy work to integrate MRC in to agency's other volunteer programs ○ Trying to increase community education aspect of MRC- HEAL, substance abuse prevention, etc. ○ Offering a conference call and one-on-one orientations to try to get to everyone - Pelham MRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participated in ice rescue training- did before and after vitals for firefighters ○ Rich had an idea to get people to be more involved- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Citizens Call to Duty Program- get points for volunteering and eventually get an award 	<p>Check out the President's Service Award as well- http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/tg/pvsainfo/dspAboutAwards.cfm</p>
Announcements- Curtis and Alyson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alyson Cobb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VOAD Meeting- not a lot that applied to MRC at this meeting 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training Conference- registration packet went out yesterday, 8 registrations in- please encourage your volunteers to register early. 	
Survey Monkey Results - Alyson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See attached slide show for more information - How do we get the hundred of people who have signed up to actually attend a meeting or training? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feed ○ Incentive, ie 3+ trainings = backpacks, something for go kit at each meeting/training ○ Personal touches ○ Badge or pin for completing core competencies, # of years of service, etc. 	We will discuss this more at our March MRC meeting.
Medical Needs Sheltering Update - Curtis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy clarity on medical needs sheltering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sheltering is the responsibility of EMDs, towns, and ARC ○ Any shelter that is ADA-compliant will also be able to handle those with medical needs- there may be a little overflow to the hospitals; shelter manager and hospital will be communicating about who should go where 	
NH MRC Leadership Summit - All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date: Top 2 choice for dates are June 4th and 11th (tied) - Attendees: 3 people from each unit, leaders or potential leaders who will be around for awhile - Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board/Advisory Council Development ○ Marketing/PR/Getting Public Awareness ○ Roadmapping ○ Partners ○ Someone from OCVMRC ○ Personnel Management- ARC Disaster Frontline Supervisor? ○ Global Risk Management ○ Liability- overview of laws, insurance options (LGC, insurance for each medical profession) 	Has anyone been to ARC's Disaster Frontline Supervisor training? If so, would a shortened version of this be helpful?
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Public Health Week is April 4 – 10. - Get MRC volunteers opportunities to volunteer in a hospital. 	Talk to Curtis if you are interested in looking in to this with your hospital.