

NH MRC Meeting  
June 11, 2010  
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Curtis Metzger (HSEM), Alyson Cobb (CHI, recorder), Leigh Cheney (Capital Region), Michelle Whitenack (Lakes Region), Brita Nettleton (Greater Manchester), Donna Quinn (Greater Plymouth), Jim Richardson (Greater Franklin/Bristol), Shawna Carpenter (Greater Sullivan County), Theresa Kennett (Carroll County), Paige St. Cyr (OCVMRC intern), Jim Hicks (Greater Monadnock), Carole Totzkay (HSEM)

Phone: Eileen Fernandes (Greater Monadnock), Gene Heighton (Greater Nashua), Jennifer Frenette (OCVMRC), Bill Demers (Northern NH)

11 of 16 MRC Units represented- thanks to all those who participated!

**Meeting Minutes:**

**Unit Updates**

- **Jennifer Frenette-** Jen's intern, Paige, will be a senior at UNH this fall in the Health Policy program. She can be reached at [pyh2@unh.edu](mailto:pyh2@unh.edu) or 387-0036. Paige will be working on the regional MRC conference for the fall.
- **Greater Monadnock MRC**
  - 4 members at Plymouth training conference
  - Worked with Nashua MRC at a road race
  - Member attended Integrated Training Summit
  - Held 2 more orientations
- **Carroll County MRC**
  - Have done lots of presentations- haven't gotten that many applications; having trouble getting board to understand the need for ESAR-VHP (especially if will be active with their own agency during a disaster)
    - Curtis- answer for a reaction like this is to say ESAR-VHP is for people who may want to volunteer and helps with deployment across state boundaries or elsewhere within the state
  - 5-6 volunteers attended Plymouth training conference- good feedback
- **Greater Sullivan County MRC**
  - Working on sustainability plan
  - This will be Shawna's last meeting- she is trying to get a First Aid/CPR class done before the end of June
  - Have been pushing for ESAR-VHP
  - Working on badging and active versus basic volunteer list (have about 20 active and 30 basic)
- **Greater Franklin/Bristol MRC**
  - Updated unit profile
  - Volunteered as Mooseman Triathlon
  - Trying to get grant through Franklin Savings Bank
  - Attended CERT Coordinator meeting earlier in the week
  - Will be recruiting at Old Home Days
  - Having trouble getting liability insurance for MRC through host site's carrier

- Gene recommends Agent Allen Peterson with Eaton & Berube Insurance Agency- contact information attached to e-mail
- **Greater Plymouth MRC**
  - Had new members at Plymouth Training Conference
  - Are planning to do an Orientation
  - Volunteered as Mooseman Triathlon
  - Recruiting at Old Home Days
  - Meeting with fiscal agent to discuss liability
  - Updated unit profile
  - PSU is interested in linking with MRC
- **Greater Manchester MRC**
  - Held 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting- elected board members and recognized members from H1N1 and attending trainings
    - Exec board- few retired, few involved with CERT also
- **Lakes Region MRC**
  - Finalized brochure
  - Discussing liability
  - Recruiting but want more questions answered before actually hold an orientation
- **Capital Region MRC**
  - Had 2 new members attend Plymouth Training Conference
  - Recruiting has been going well- people have been signing up on website
  - Holding a Meet and Greet this month- have 24+ people to meet
  - Presentation to staff at Dartmouth Hitchcock in Concord
  - Recruiting at Old Home Days
  - 100% ESAR-VHP compliance since MRC application takes them directly to ESAR\_VHP without them having to go there themselves
- **Greater Nashua MRC**
  - Setting up for Rock'n Rib Fest
  - Road race with Monadnock MRC; brought trailer- shelter, oxygen, etc.
  - Recruiting at Old Homes Day
- **Northern NH MRC**
  - New online application with ESAR-VHP
  - Recruited at Women's Health Conference
  - Presenting to staff at 3 of 5 local hospital in next few months
  - Bill will be attending MRC Strategic Planning Session in Colorado
    - Working on Strategic Roadmap Plan- data pilot group from around the country
    - Will be developing business plan for next 1-2 years with realistic goals
  - Bill will be teaching HOSA at a high school but will still be doing some of the same work at NCHC including MRC

## **Announcements**

- **Carole Totzkay**
  - State Functional Needs Committee- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Working Conference, October 6 at Grappone Center
    - Will include breakouts on assistive devices, panel with Mary Roth from FEMA, emergency communication updated technology, and supportive care sheltering plan
  - Regional breakouts for Functional Needs Guidance and Template
  - Presenting at PHN meeting Tuesday June 15
- **Alyson Cobb**

- Will be staying at CHI after VISTA position is over in mid-August

### **Feedback on Integrated Training Summit**

- Bill- enjoyed EMR presentation- will be a great tool
  - Initial treatment and long term in ACC
  - NDMS will show up with handheld computer
  - Funnel data through federal government
  - Gene may be able to get a test model and present on at a future meeting
- Brita- attended session on developing leaders and recruiting younger people- excited about implementing some best practices
- For those looking for more information about HOSA, Jen's contact is Deni Hargreaves, NH HOSA State Advisor, and can be reached at [denihargreaves@comcast.net](mailto:denihargreaves@comcast.net)

### **Feedback on Plymouth MRC Training Conference**

- Theresa enjoyed the large group training and getting to choose trainings
- Volunteers really enjoyed CDLS and Standard Precautions
- Would it be possible to hold one in the fall and one in the spring, instead of 2 in the spring?

### **501(c)3**

- Curtis
  - Have more flexibility with 501(c)3 status, easier to accept funds
  - Can become a non-profit without 501(c)3; 501(c)3 is an IRS classification means donations are tax deductible (see attached document about non-profit registration in the State)
  - A National MRC Association is in the process of being founded- supported by OCVMRC but not affiliated- will be able to do things that OCVMRC cannot such as educate government officials and accept money on behalf of units
  - Volunteer NH may also be able to accept money on behalf- Curtis will look in to
  - If you are not authorized to do so, be sure to check with fiscal agent for your MRC that you can accept money

### **Fundraising and Sustainability**

- Jim- asked Lions for money but it never came
- How ask banks for grants when overlap regions; who can solicit who?
  - Explain that you are part of a larger network- could also solicit as a group
- Think about who has deep pockets in your community and present to them
- Charitable foundation of NH has access to list of foundations- will look in to having a meeting there or putting together a list
- Also, it is important to think about who you want to be the public face of your MRC for recruiting/fundraising purposes
- It will be really hard for many of the units to continue at the current level as they are losing their part-time coordinator at the end of June
- Theresa recommends looking over MRC Assessment documents (attached to e-mail)
- Goal is to eventually have volunteers running whole unit or aspects of unit- just holding executive board elections could make people step up who you didn't realize were interested in more responsibility
- Be clear about what your recruiting for and meet the volunteers' expectations
- Jim Hicks- most EMDs are not associated with public health, most are volunteers, all are very busy!

**Non-Emergency Activities**

- Dom had a meeting with AGs office about RSA interpretation and the possibility of amending the current one if doesn't fit needs (for non-emergencies)
- Possibility of buying liability and WC on state level?