

COPIN General Membership Meeting

Oct. 12, 2016, 1:30-3:30pm

Franklin County EM&HS

Attendance: 24 Members Present

Laurie Barbee – Pickaway Co. Health Dept	Olivia Biggs – Licking Co Health Dept
Anne Brown – City of Worthington	Lynn Bruno – Jackson Twp
Blythe Buurma – Crawford Co. Health Dept	Bernice Cage – MORPC
Cathy Collins – Columbus Dept of Public Safety	Alexis Comer – Madison Co. Health Dept
Michelle Day – Franklin Co. Public Health	Rebecca Diehm – Columbus Division of Fire
Darcy Dooley – City of Grove City	Stephanie Gostomski – Ohio Development Services
Niel Jurist – City of Gahanna	Dan Kochensparger – Upper Arlington Fire (Retired)
Kelly McGuire – Franklin County EM&HS	Tia Marcel Moretti – Franklin Co. Coroner’s Office
Pam Palm – Knox County Health Dept	John Palmer – Ohio Hospital Association
Corinne Riegler – Logan Co. Health Dept	Donna Stalter – Fairfield Medical Center
Jennifer Thrush – Union Co Health Dept	Josh Vittie - Franklin Co. EM&HS
Traci Whittaker – Delaware General Health	Inge Witt – Village of Plain City

Meeting Called to Order: COPIN Chair Dan Kochensparger called the meeting to order at 1:37pm

Approval of Minutes: Donna Stalter moved to approve the April & July 2016 COPIN membership meeting minutes. Bernice Cage seconded. Motion carried.

New Members & Guests Introduced: 1 Guest Present & 7 New Members Introduced

New members – Olivia Biggs, Licking Co. Health Dept; Blythe Buurma, Crawford Co. Health Dept; Cathy Collins, Columbus Dept of Public Safety; Clint Eskins, Newark Division of Police; Setphanie Gostomski, Ohio Development Services Agency; Tia Marcel Moretti, Franklin Co. Coroner’s Office; Tracy Whited, Delaware County Sheriff’s Office

Guests – Lisa Colbert, Ohio Development Services Agency

COPIN Board Appointment: The Board appointed John Palmer to fill the vacant seat created by the resignation of Donna Stalter. John will serve the remainder of Donna’s term.

COPIN Board Nominations: The Board presented 2 nominees to the membership for consideration.

John Palmer (3 year term, 2017-2019)

Niel Jurist (3 year term, 2017-2019)

Bernice Cage moved to accept both nominees. Pam Palm seconded. Motion carried. The membership will vote to elect one or both board nominees at the January 2017 COPIN membership meeting.

Member Activities Roundtable: Dan Kochensparger shared some “In the news” topics that featured COPIN member agencies.

-Cathy Collins (Columbus Dept of Public Safety) was quoted in a Columbus Dispatch article concerning the use of body cameras for police officers.

-Traci Whittaker (Delaware General Health Dist) was quoted in a Columbus Dispatch article concerning a Cryptosporidium outbreak at a recreational water facility.

-Michelle Day (Franklin County Public Health) shared they have an upcoming mass flu clinic in October.

-Tia Marcel Moretti (Franklin County Coroner's Office) reported on shared messaging strategies being utilized by the Coroner's office, law enforcement, EMS, and public health in regards to the use of opioids and the recent spike in opioid overdose deaths.

Professional Development: Tabletop Exercise, San Bernardino Workplace Active Shooter

Dan Kochensparger presented a tabletop exercise for the membership based off incident action reports from the actual event. Exercise consisted of more than 10 injects. Membership divided into groups of approximately 5 people. Group discussed how they would address each inject. At the end, groups reported on how they handled the injects and Dan then presented how each situation was handled during the real event.

Proposed 2017 Professional Development Program: Jennifer Thrush presented the membership with a proposal for a theme for 2017 professional development. The concept is to have the professional development segment of each meeting in 2017 provide an opportunity to practice a PIO skill needed for responding to a crisis or emergency situation. The sessions could focus on the same or different mock scenarios with each training focusing on practicing a different skill. Possible PIO skills to practice could be: setting up a press conference, using social media monitoring tools, on camera interviewing, handling the first 12-24 hours of a crisis, writing critical messages, or preparing a spokesperson. These sessions could include a short instructional segment (20-30 minutes) with an hour of a hands-on interactive component. The membership seemed interested in this concept. Jennifer will create a survey to gauge what topics are of interest to the membership. A survey monkey link will be sent out before the January meeting. (Jessica Pearsol from the Ohio Dept of Public Safety was also recommended as a speaker to do a more in-depth look at a couple of the social media tools she is utilizing).

Next Meeting: Tentatively set for Jan. 11, 1:30-3:30pm at Franklin County EM&HS, 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd, Columbus. Board will approve 2017 meeting schedule at November Board meeting.

Training Opportunity: The Ohio EMA is hosting a Basic PIO training Nov. 1-3.

Meeting Adjourned: Bernice Cage moved, Alexis Comer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:47pm.