

COPIN Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2009

Attending: Mitzi Kline, Amanda Ford, Dan Kochensparger, Emma Speight, Rich Weiner, Mark Anthony, David Ball, Chris Bowser, Amber Breedlove, Lynn Cook, David Debelak, Christa Dickey, Leslie Dybiec, Lee Foster, Amy Hite, Alice Hohl, Carrie Hoover, Brain Hoyt, Scott McAfee, Aaron Miller, Pam Palm, Darcey Palmer, Larry Ricchi, Connie Tracy, Greg Viebranz, Jeff Warner and Lindsey Wright.

Welcome and Introductions: Mitzi Kline

Motion to approve July meeting minutes: Emma Speight made motion to approve; Dan Kochensparger second. Approved. Meeting minutes will be posted on www.copinworks.org.

Training Exercise Overview: Dan Kochensparger

- **COPIN Annual Mobile JIC Exercise** – August 26, 2009. The JIC Logistics and Professional Development committees held the annual COPIN Mobile JIC refresher training on August 26. Franklin County Board of Health staff had the attendees perform assembly and functional checks of each workstation, and reviewed the instructional manual in preparation for its latest revision.
- **IED Exercise** – September 17, 2009. An in-depth report was given on the overall exercise. Participants found the mobile JIC very helpful especially the ability to use the inside of trailer for computer use. The satellite didn't work but FCBOH is working to get it fixed. Alexis Evans served as the lead PIO.
 - **Lessons Learned:** Critical to have field PIO, JIC was in a remote location and radio frequencies were not the same. Be cautious when choosing a location for news conferences due to noise from generators for mobile JIC.
- According to EMA, there are six full scale exercises planned for 2010, including the City of Gahanna, Jewish Federation and the Columbus Regional Airport Authority.
- Mark Anthony, Franklin County EMA, spoke about changes that have been made to the EMA JIC. They have put in additional fax lines and fixed the internet. They have discussed making the JIC two rooms but no decision has been made.

Board of Director Nominations: Emma Speight

- There are five (5) vacant seats to fill.
 - 3 - three year seats
 - 1 - two year seat
 - 1 - one year seat
- Mitzi Kline and Rich Weiner's term will expire in December.
- Nominations are due to board members by November 27. Please include a one paragraph statement on why you think the individual would be beneficial to the board and the individual must be in a public information role. The board will meet on December 2 to review all nominations. The membership will vote at the January 13 meeting OR voting will be done through email. We must have 60% of the membership participate in voting.
- Current Nominations:
 - Scott McAfee, Village of New Albany
 - Mitzi Kline, Franklin County Board of Health
 - Rich Weiner, Columbus Div. of Police
 - Jennifer Thrush, Union County Health

H1N1Presentation: Mitzi Kline

- Mitzi gave an in depth presentation on H1N1 to provided information to the membership to share with their agencies.
- **Highlights:**
 - This is a global pandemic that potentially could affect 50% of US population. It is estimated to cause 100,000 deaths or more.
 - The H1N1 virus is a combination of swine, bird and human influenza. Most human have little to no immunity to virus.
 - **At risk groups:** Pregnant women and those between the ages of 6 months and 24 years.
 - **Spread:** Human to human through coughing, sneezing or talking. People are contagious 1 day prior to symptoms and for a minimum of 7 days after symptoms begin.
 - **Symptoms:** High fever >100F, runny or stuffy nose, cough, sore throat, body aches, headaches, chills, fatigue and occasionally vomiting and diarrhea.
 - **Treatment:** Antiviral treatments can be effective is taken within first 24 to 28 hours. Tamiflu is currently effective against H1N1 but may be ineffective as the virus changes.
 - **H1N1 vaccine:** Seasonal flu shot will not protect you from H1N1. H1N1 vaccine will not protect you from seasonal flu. Vaccine clinics will be scheduled mid/late October through the winter. Priority groups include: healthcare workers and emergency personnel, pregnant women, household contact of children less than 6 months old, children and young adults 6 months to 24 years, non-elderly 25-64 with underlying conditions.
 - **How to protect yourself:** wash your hands, cover your cough, stay home if you are sick and get your flu shots.
 - **Communications:** FCBOH and Columbus Public Health are working together on public information efforts. Media summit was held in September. A JIC will likely be opened as the number of cases increases. The JIC will be staffed by COPIN partners who are not in a lead response. They will assist with media response, website content updates, hotline script updates, media monitoring, etc.
 - **Important Information Sources: Columbus/Franklin County:**
 - www.columbuspandemicflu.org
 - www.cdrsinfo.com – Healthcare guidelines
 - www.facebook.com – search Columbus Flu Info
 - www.twitter.com/ColumbusFluInfo
 - Central Ohio Community Flu Hotline: 211 (211-2255)
 - Seasonal Flu – Vaccine4me: (614) 437-2900 or toll free (888) 202-1319
 - National Website: www.flu.gov or www.cdc.gov/H1N1FLU/

Next COPIN Training Session & General Membership Meeting:

Wednesday, January 13, 2009

1 pm Training to be announced

1:30 pm New Membership Orientation

2 to 4 pm Quarterly Membership Meeting

All meetings are held at:

Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

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