PEER update June 2011

Response Support Planning
The next phase of PEER’s work focusing on response support planning begins with a needs assessment to identify existing resources and capacities for response support within the Regions. Additional information will come from the results of 4AB’s recent drills of the MACE, as well as a recent MACE activation, and from the long-term care facility exercise held in June. The 4AB work group will use these results to identify priorities. If you are interested in participating in this work group, please let us know.

Drills
A communications drill was run on May 17 utilizing the entire PEER notification system (from the Duty Officer down to participants posting on WebEOC). Our evaluators, the Institute for Community Health submitted a report outlining the results of the drill. The response rate to the first HHAN alert was about 44%. This drill utilized more widespread HHAN lists and a slightly lower response rate was to be expected. 29 unique individuals/organizations logged in to WebEOC as part of the drill. This is a rather low response rate and we hope that through additional publicity of the WebEOC training materials on our website we can raise this number.

PEER staff observed the LTC/MassMAP drill on June 22, 2011 for Region 4. Seeing the system being tested out gave PEER staff insight into how to work with DPH to streamline reporting and response to emergencies, and to have these systems complement PEER.

LAMPS – Linking Assessment and Measurement to Performance in PHEP Systems
On June 29 PEER hosted a 3 hour webinar with the members of the Learning Collaborative. The guest speaker was Jeff Newbold from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council speaking about the Texas WebEOC Interoperability Project. Not only was his presentation interesting and well received but there are many lessons to be gleaned from their experience that can be applied to PEER and other initiatives happening in Massachusetts.
PEER also concluded the first round of its project for the Learning Collaborative regarding the HHAN lists for Community Health Centers. The goal is to have this work complete by the end of July.

Website
In the month of June the PEER website had 45 unique visitors for 58 total visits. The page that has the PEER training videos was visited 24 times.

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