PEER update May 2011

Response Support Planning
On May 9, 2011 PEER hosted an Executive Committee meeting. Minutes from that meeting were distributed on May 17, 2011 via email along with additional documents discussed in the meeting. Based on the discussion at the meeting a new configuration was created by PEER staff describing the composition of: the Region 4c working group; Regions 4A & B Working group; Emergency Communications Learning Collaborative; and the PEER 4ABC Bridge Executive Committee. Additionally, the roles and functions of BUSPH were outlined. That document was sent out for review to the current Executive Committee on Monday, May 23rd. Feedback on that document is still being collected-- please send comments to Kerry. A newer and cleaner version of the document was sent along with this update.

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). The data on the drill is still being analyzed by our evaluators, the Institute for Community Health, and a report will be made available in June.

LAMPS – Linking Assessment and Measurement to Performance in PHEP Systems
PEER is still in the midst of working on its Learning Collaborative project to develop a protocol for list management. There was a second check-in call with the other members of the collaborative on May 19. The members of the collaborative are in different places in their respective projects. All have had different successes, challenges and lessons learned. PEER will be spending the month of June doing the majority of the work for this project, centering on the Community Health Center lists. Additionally, PEER staff is also planning a half-day webinar at the end of June for the four members of the collaborative as well as staff from HSPH to review the work that has been done and look ahead to future endeavors.

Conferences and meetings
In May PEER staff attended two meeting of note. 1st, the Metropolitan Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR) med-surge/pan flu strategy meeting (PEER staff regularly attends). At this meeting, the DeValle Institute presented the PEER WebEOC training materials and they were well received by the group. The materials can be found on the PEER website at http://sph.bu.edu/peer. The 2nd meeting PEER staff attended was the 2nd Annual Long Term Care (LTC) All Hazards Emergency Preparedness Summit. It was an interesting day full of sessions about all of the details LTC facilities need to consider for emergencies. The Summit also informed PEER staff about LTC exercises that are occurring in June and staff is in discussions to see how PEER can assist or play a role in those exercises.

http://sph.bu.edu/peer
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Funding
In May PEER staff was involved in submitting contracts with both DPH and HSPH-LAMPS for funding for the next fiscal year. While there will be cuts in the funding, the exact amounts are not yet known.

Website
In the month of May, through 11am on May 26, the PEER website had 97 unique visitors, for 129 visits. 72% were new visitors. These numbers include a spike in traffic correlated with the communications drill that was run on May 17.