

## Monthly Report for March/ April 2015 Submitted by Trish Factor

### Health Commissioners Report

#### Preparedness, Emergency Response, and Recovery Consortium



It was the mission of the consortium to bring together healthcare, medical, public health and volunteer emergency management personnel involved in disaster recovery and response efforts representing the governmental, public and private sectors to discuss shared practices in preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery. This forum provided a hands-on, adult learning environment promoting the sharing of ideas and discussion of best practices.

Subject matter experts presented interactive forums, shared lessons learned during times of response and recovery in emergencies, affecting community and healthcare infrastructure, as well as discussed best practices in planning and mitigation. Focus was placed on coordination and collaboration between the various organizations and stakeholders contributing to disaster preparedness, healthcare response, rescue and evacuation, sheltering in place, and recovery operations.

I had the privilege to be asked to be the opening speaker on day one of the conference as well as design and present a disaster exercise on the second day. This conference allowed me to meet with and collaborate with various stakeholders from across the country, as well as some international attendees.

#### National Public Health Week

Staff celebrated during our monthly staff meeting. A press release (see attached) was issued to the media.



## **Staff Meetings**

We have begun meeting as a staff monthly to discuss upcoming topics and issues that need to be addressed. With various changes occurring around the department it is important to keep everyone informed and on the same page.

In addition, the nursing division will be holding a monthly meeting in order to address issues specific to their division; such as coverage, immunization updates, communicable disease updates, etc.

## **Building**

Building repairs and quotes for office space projects are underway. Updates will be provided as they become available.

## **Annual Report**

Annual report is in your Board packet for your review and approval.

## **AOHC Health Commissioner University**

Various topics were covered in my 1<sup>st</sup> of three sessions at Health Commissioner University.

- Overview of Public Health/ Legal Structure of Local Health Districts
- Local Health Department Enforcement Powers
- Introduction to AOHC
- Sunshine Law: Public Records and Open Meetings
- Obligations of the Board of Health Secretary

Next session is set for 5/1/15.

## **DON**

A DON has been selected and an offer has been made and accepted. Ashley Smith, RN BSN will begin with the department May 11, 2015.

## **2015 Public Health Combined Conference 5/18-20/15**

Dr Metzger and I will be in attendance at the Spring Combined Conference, pending travel approval.

## **Trainings/ Workforce Development**

I am working on a Workforce Development Plan that staff will be able to follow and will be held accountable for training requirements incorporated within. This plan will also include the training plans for newly hired employees. (Our new DON will be the first to abide by this) \*All staff have access to online training portals

## **Upcoming Dates/Meetings for the Commissioner- Local Meetings TBD**

**5/1, 6/5** Health Commissioner University

**4/24, 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25, 10/23, November – TBD, December – TBD** NWOHio AOHC Meeting