

Emergency Preparedness (EP) Learning Call Minutes
May 11th, 2007

of Participants: 38

General Overview:

The Emergency Preparedness learning call was called to order at 9:02 am.

The topic of the 5/11/07 Emergency Preparedness learning call was the Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR).

I. Introduction – Robyn DiPalma

- Participants were welcomed to the call. The format of the call was outlined. Roll-call was conducted.
- Callers were told that problems with the website event link had taken place. They were asked to re-visit the link since additional downloads were now available. For call materials, callers were instructed to go to the Events calendar on the right hand side of the CHCANYS website and click on 5/11/07 date or to click on the direct event link provided in the email. For this call and for future calls, call materials are available through the website, unless a file is in draft form, for members' eyes only and/or not appropriate for public posting. In those cases, the file will only be emailed.
- Callers were made aware that questions during the EP portion of the call should be emailed to Robyn DiPalma at rdipalma@chcanys.org.
- A RFEI for emergency resource database focus group participation has been circulated – the deadline has been extended for participation in Option 2; please see the call event for more details and instructions.
- EP reassessments for NYC CHCs are taking place – this Spring 2007 reassessment is follow-up of the 2004 EP assessment of the NYC sites.
- HRSA/BPHC Program Information Notice (PIN) concerning FTCA is posted on the event link – please share your comments with Chris Williams at the CHCANYS – Albany office by the end of May.
- Save-the-Date - PCDC's National EP Summit will take place on September 19, 2007 in New York City.
- It is requested that callers please return their evaluation form; the form may be found on the website & also in the email attachments.
- Next call will be Friday 6/11/07; TOPIC: Community Resources

II. Announcements, Shannon McDermott, CHCANYS

- CHCANYS EP Initiative is pleased to announce the dates for this year's regional EP trainings - June 12th in Brockport, NY & June 21st in Rensselaer, NY. These trainings will devote a major portion of time to the federally established Incident Command System (ICS) and its relationship to the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The trainings will also include half-day "train-the-trainer" workshops, in which CHC staff will receive training on how to conduct their own emergency preparedness exercises on-site. Online registration is available for these events at www.chcanys.org.

- CHCANYS Albany office continues to offer a variety of trainings for CHC staff including training on building community relationships, developing your EP plan, and conducting drills and exercises. Please contact the CHCANYS Albany based EP team if you are interested in scheduling a training or drill for your center. Trainings are available via conference call or in person based upon request.

III. Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR), Amy Metroka, NYC DOHMH

Participants were told that the subject of CIR was a bit different from previous call topics. Whereas calls usually have an Emergency Preparedness focus with clinical applications, this call's topic was the transverse of that – the CIR presentation will have a clinical focus with some discussion of Emergency Preparedness applications. For example, a CIR may assist in terms of maintaining health records in times of crisis/disaster. Also, an immunization registry allows providers to access records for displaced persons who may not have their health records accessible. Also, the NYC CIR may be utilized for surveillance. In addition, the NYC CIR may utilize their vaccine tracking capabilities if pandemic influenza vaccinations were available, necessary, and were being administered.

In addition, Michael Flynn of the NYS DOH joined the call to discuss the new NYS mandate for vaccination reporting that will go into effect on January 1, 2008. All administered vaccines will need to be inputted into the registry within 14 days of being given. More information concerning upcoming NYS registry trainings will be circulated when available.

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To obtain materials related to the Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) presentation, please follow the instructions listed below.

For copies of the full PowerPoint presentation, please visit www.chcanys.org and click on the "Emergency Preparedness" menu item. Past learning call materials may be found in the "Resources" section under "Monthly Call Archive - 2007." The appropriate download will be found under the 5/11/07 EP call materials. It is recommended that this presentation is viewed using Adobe Reader 7.0. If you require additional assistance in obtaining the presentations or other materials, please contact Robyn DiPalma.

The next call is Friday, June 8, 2007 at 9:00 am.

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