



**About Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalitions**

In 2012, federal guidance required states to develop healthcare coalitions. As a result, the NYSDOH Office of Health Emergency Preparedness (OHEP) designated four Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalitions (HEPCs) throughout the state in order to streamline public health emergency planning and response among health care organizations. With the support of NYSDOH OHEP, CHCANYS regularly participates in coalition meetings in an effort to represent health centers in the region and increase awareness of health centers' emergency management capabilities among coalition members.



This quarterly report is intended to provide New York's community health centers with a summary of the Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition (HEPC) meetings attended by CHCANYS EM Team.

The HEPC calendar of events, including meeting and training dates can be found on the HEPC website: <https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/emergency-preparedness/calendar.aspx>

Health center staff are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

**MARO Regional HEPC August 4 & October 27, 2015**

After a virtual planning session on August 4, the first quarter MARO regional meeting was conducted on October 27th in the Bronx. Mike O'Donnell (NYS DOH) presented findings from the Healthcare Coalition Developmental Assessment (HCCDA) administered to MARO HEPC, as well as presented information on Closed PODs. His colleague, Judy Homer (NYS DOH) gave a presentation on Volunteer Management and specifically the ServNY initiative. This year, MARO hopes to include new partners such as EMS and other Emergency Managers. Face to face exercises planned for this year include a Healthcare Evacuation Center Plan – All Hazards training and a TTX Mass Burn Casualty Incident. See below for the next MARO sub-regional meeting dates:

- Lower Hudson Valley** 12/16/15 in Fishkill, NY (9am-3pm)
- Long Island** 12/10/15 in Bethpage, NY (9am-3pm)

**Capital District Sub Regional HEPC September 24, 2015**

**Local Highlight:** Following introductions, Lisa Whitman (Schenectady County Department of Health) and Brian Forget (Schenectady's Ellis Hospital) provided a presentation on their recent Schenectady *Cradle-to-Grave Ebola Drill*. After the presentation, a brief question and answer session was held. One of the recommendations given to the group was the need for signage during full scale events to calm the public.

**CDRO Workgroup Opportunity:** At the beginning of each budget period (BP), at the sub-regional level, HEPC members determine the continuation or formation of workgroups. Workgroups are based on member identified topics and interests. Workgroups identified for this budget period are the Pediatric Workgroup, the Severe Weather IT Workgroup, the North Country Extreme Weather with Sheltering and the Infectious Disease Workgroup. A CHCANYS EM staff member is a new member of the Pediatric Workgroup. Meeting minutes from the workgroup are available by contacting [mlcaprara@chcanys.org](mailto:mlcaprara@chcanys.org). The Pediatric Workgroup is currently planning the Capital District HEPC 2nd Annual Pediatric Emergency Preparedness Seminar, with a tentative date of May 2016 (location TBD). See below for the next CDRO meeting date:

**Capital District Sub Regional HEPC meeting / Ebola Tabletop Exercise** 1/21/2016 in Latham, NY (10am-4pm)