

Emerging Public Health Threats & Emergency Response Coalition

Phoenix, AZ

June 1, 2011

Annual Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brenda Johnston, Oklahoma City University
Susan Even, University of Missouri
Thevy Chai, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Joan Potter, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Lynne Price, University of Illinois at Springfield
Arnie Jennerman, University of Wisconsin at Madison
Craig Roberts, University of Wisconsin at Madison
Linda Reid, Oregon State University
Anita Barkin—Board Liaison, Carnegie Mellon University
Bob Ward—Staff Liaison, ACHA National Office
Sharon McMullen—Chair, University of Pennsylvania

1. MEETING INTRO

- a. Members, Board Liaison, and Staff Liaison introductions
- b. Brief history of the Coalition
 - i. Formed in 2008
 - ii. Started out as a pandemic flu task force
 - iii. Anita Barkin served as chair from 2008-2010
- c. Review of our purpose:
 - i. To address increasing concerns posed by pandemic influenza or other emerging infectious diseases that are not vaccine preventable or sexually transmitted.
 - ii. To be a long-standing mechanism for the exchange of information, resources, and tools to address college and university planning for pandemics and other emerging infectious diseases.
 - iii. To address the need for information, training, resources and tools to assist members in developing public health planning and emergency response skills.

2. REVIEW OF 2010-11

- a. Discussion of creation of All-Hazards Planning Guidelines, http://www.acha.org/Publications/docs/ACHA_Guidelines_Emergency_Planning_AllHazards_Approach_Feb2011.pdf which was published to the ACHA website in Spring 2011.
 - i. Anita Barkin conveyed congratulations and thanks from the Executive Board for the document

- ii. Bob Ward mentioned that the Guideline was among the most frequently downloaded document on the ACHA website
 - iii. Sharon McMullen recognized the contributors from each of the 2 coalitions who collaborated to write the document:
 - 1. EPHT&ER Coalition
 - a. John Andrews, University of Cincinnati
 - b. Anita Barkin, Carnegie Mellon University
 - c. Mary Covington, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 - d. Joy Himmel, Penn State at Altoona
 - e. Linda Reid, Oregon State University
 - f. Sandra Samuels, Rutgers University at Newark
 - g. Sharon McMullen, University of Pennsylvania
 - 2. Campus Violence and Safety Coalition
 - a. Donna Barry, Montclair State University
 - b. Ron Stickle, Shenandoah University
 - c. Tanya Tatum, Florida A&M University
 - b. 2011 EPHT&ER Coalition program slot
 - i. John Andrews: “University Disaster Preparedness and Mission Continuity Plans”, to be presented on 6/3/11
 - c. TB Subcommittee report from Susan Even
 - i. Susan described her involvement with a CDC TB surveillance project, which will survey institutions of higher education for TB screening/testing protocols
 - 1. Members are encouraged to participate in the upcoming survey
 - ii. The group has not made progress with a TB FAQ for website but agrees that it is still a priority
 - iii. “Practical Considerations of LTBI” to be presented on 6/2/11
3. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES/OBJECTIVES FOR 2011-12
- a. For the **2012 Coalition program slot**, we decided to present/sponsor a “Table Top Emergency Planning Exercise” session
 - i. This will serve as a complimentary piece to the 2011 All-Hazards Emergency Planning document
 - ii. We agreed that a hands-on format that included an actual exercise would be preferable to a straight lecture format.
 - iii. The following scenarios were suggested:
 - 1. Residence Hall fire
 - 2. Communicable disease outbreak, such as norovirus
 - 3. Biohazard contamination
 - 4. Weather emergency
 - iv. Suggested presenters
 - 1. EPHT&ER Coalition members are encouraged to suggest experts in the field of emergency management who would be willing to present a Table Top session in Chicago to Sharon McMullen by July 15, 2011.

- a. Craig Roberts agreed to contact William Wong, M.D., Medical Director, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response, Chicago Department of Public Health, City of Chicago
- 2. The Coalition will consider all proposals and vote on a presenter in August.

b. TB FAQ

- i. The group agreed that a TB reference document for ACHA members is needed
 - 1. Brief mention of various TB threads on the ACHA listserv
 - 2. Discussion about the difficulty of providing a reference document for a topic that has many “grey” areas
 - a. FAQ answers should be research-driven where possible
 - b. “Check with your local Public Health department” may need to be included in many answers
 - c. Some questions depend on individual circumstances so generalizable answers may not be available for all issues
- ii. Members who would like to work on a TB FAQ for our ACHA webpage are invited to participate in a collaborative writing effort that will begin over the summer. Stay tuned for more details.

c. Website update

- i. Our page on the ACHA website [http://www.acha.org/Committees_Coalitions_Task_Forces/emergency_res
ponse.cfm](http://www.acha.org/Committees_Coalitions_Task_Forces/emergency_response.cfm) is quite basic. Members who would be willing to form a Coalition subcommittee to upgrade the webpage are encouraged to contact Sharon McMullen to volunteer.

4. COALITION LEADERSHIP

- a. Positions and terms:
 - i. Chair: 2 years
 - ii. Outgoing chair: 1 year
 - iii. Chair-elect: 1 year
- b. The position of chair-elect is open, since previous chair-elect Susan Even has accepted the chair of the Vaccine Preventable Diseases committee.
- c. Craig Roberts has agreed serve as Coalition chair-elect for 2011-12.
 - i. His term as Coalition chair will begin at the 2012 annual meeting in Chicago and end at the 2014 meeting in San Antonio.
- d. Sharon McMullen will serve as outgoing chair for 2012-13
- e. A new chair-elect will be appointed/elected at or before the 2013 meeting in Boston.
 - i. Members are encouraged to think about serving in this capacity and to contact Sharon McMullen with any questions about the position

5. MEETING ADJOURNED