

To The Corps ...

The Newsletter of the Orange County Public Health Reserve Corps

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Flu Clinics...

The Health Dept as well as the PHRC has had a very busy Fall season with H1N1 planning and Influenza clinics. During September- November 2009, the PHRC Administrative volunteers and RNs assisted with Seasonal Flu clinics. This really helped to prepare our volunteers for assisting with H1N1 clinics. They were familiar with the protocol, paperwork, and giving vaccines. In October, 11 PHRC volunteer nurses were hired to go into Orange County schools to vaccinate 3rd-8th graders against the Seasonal Flu. In October, several nurses also assisted with administering H1N1 vaccines during walk in flu clinics at the Health Depts. in Hillsborough and Chapel Hill. In November, 5 temporary staff were hired to assist with H1N1 clinics, 3 of which were our PHRC volunteers. One RN will assist with answering influenza/vaccine and medical/health questions, administering H1N1 vaccines in scheduled clinics, assisting with vaccine inventory and restocking of H1N1 supplies, and assisting with NCIR data entry, the other 3 nurses will be administering H1N1 vaccines during clinic hours, and the admin employee will register clients during H1N1 clinics. These clinics are by appt only and we anticipate scheduling 400 appointments weekly and 600 as the doses received increase. Clinics will rotate between Chapel Hill and Hillsborough. Our unit also participated in a Mass Youth Influenza Clinic held at Cedar Ridge High School on November 14th. The clinic took 93 full staff positions on the day of the clinic; 62 of those were health department staff members (the rest were volunteers and community partners- emergency services, school nurses, etc). The longest wait in line was a little over two hours (not counting the 6:00 am people) at the longest part of the line. By 1:00 pm the wait time was down to 30 minutes or less. It took an average of slightly less than 5 minutes for each administration from the time they



walked into the gym.

Cedar Ridge– Mass Vaccination Clinic In 6 hours...

- 1248 Individual patients were registered
- 646 Seasonal Influenza injections were administered
- 883 H1N1 Flu Mist nasal vaccines were administered
- 301 H1N1 Flu Mist injections were administered
- A total of 1184 H1N1 vaccines were administered

Key Partners for the Clinic-

- Orange County Schools who allowed the use of the gym, provided school nurses
- Emergency Services– assisting with planning, and set-up crew
- The Sheriff who provided more deputies as the crowds swelled
- The Red Cross volunteers who provided water and snacks to the waiting crowd and policed the trash in the school yard
- Orange County PHRC who played a key role in the set-up and in the clinic itself

Thank you PHRC volunteers for all your help this flu season!!



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Safety Saturday

The PHRC participated in various community outreach projects this quarter. On September 26th, our group assisted with coordinating the Safety Saturday event sponsored by Lowe's Home Improvement in Chapel Hill. CERT and Public Health Reserve Corps volunteers along with the Chapel Hill Police Dept, Chapel Hill Fire Dept, and Lowe's, all distributed emergency preparedness and safety materials to families. The event also included preparedness games, activities, and tours of the Chapel Hill Fire truck.



Volunteers Getting Prepared

- Sept 12th, we offered a training hosted by OC Emergency Services on Emergency Preparedness, Roadway Safety, and Points of Dispensing. We also practiced setting up tents for Mass Vaccination Clinics.



- On Sept 24th, 3 Pharmacists attended a Strategic National Stockpile training in Raleigh.

Please see page 4 for the upcoming Winter Training Calendar.

FEMA Encourages Winter Weather Preparedness...

by preparing an emergency supply kit for home and the car, which includes:

- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Extra flashlights and batteries
- Three day supply of food and water
- Rock salt to melt ice on walkways
- Sand to improve traction on driveways and sidewalks
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment
- Adequate clothing and blankets to help keep you warm



PHRC Grant Opportunities

Our program applied for several grants for the upcoming year. If awarded we will utilize these funds in 2010.

Citizen Corps— funds will assist with training, recruitment, and program supplies.

National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO)- funds will assist with training, recruitment, and program supplies.

Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response through our local UNC State Medical Assistance Team/ Regional Advisory Committee— funds will assist with planning an exercise for our PHRC volunteers in the Spring of 2010.



Project Homeless is a one-day, one-stop center to provide people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing homelessness with a broad range of services including housing, employment, health and dental care, mental health care, veterans' and social service benefits, legal services, and more. This year's event took place on October 8th.

Our program participated by providing 34 PHRC volunteers and 10 School of Nursing volunteers, which assisted with various roles such as giving flu vaccines, glucose/cholesterol screenings, blood pressure screenings, intake interviews, escorts, foot washing, food, etc.

Outcomes

235 guests served, including 7 children
 Approximately 50 service providers
 Approx. 300 volunteers
 Approx. 70 donors

Health Care Services

Blood pressure checks: 196 clients
 Total cholesterol, HDL and blood glucose screening: 52 clients
 Spoke with a doctor: 156 clients
 Consulted with pharmacist: 31 clients
 Carolina HealthNet consultation: 40 clients
 Flu shots: 70 (depleted supply)
 HIV tests and counseling: 16
 61 vision screenings; approx. 30 optometric exams; approx. 60 pairs of reading glasses distributed
 Kidney van: 29 clients
 Podiatry: 27 clients
 Numerous health information pamphlets distributed

Dental Services (totals at IFC shelters and Dental Bus)

Dental screenings: 115 clients
 Dental treatment: 30 clients
 Clinical dental treatment services: 106 clients
Note: Total cost of free dental treatment was \$7,139

Behavioral Health Services: 81 client contacts

Social Services: 372 client contacts

Housing Providers: 252 client contacts

Employment, Education, and Job Readiness: 271 client contacts

Legal Services: 49 clients served (inc. 15 Disability Benefits Advocate consultations)

Child Care Services: 20 client contacts

Veterans Services: 13 clients served

Social Security Administration: 27 clients served

Voter Registration: 7 clients registered

Haircuts: 57 clients served

Coats: 75 coats/sweaters distributed

Toiletry Kits: 350 toiletry kits distributed (out of 488 received)

Socks: 283 packages distributed

Underwear: 181 packages distributed



Volunteer Volume...

Current PHRC Membership Statistics

VOLUNTEER TYPE	COUNT
Admin	20
Computer / IT	2
Dental Hygienist	3
Dentist	5
EMT/Paramedic	3
Epidemiologist	3
Health Educator	4
Interpreter	3
Lab Tech	1
Medical Assistant	1
Medical Researcher	1
Medical Writer	1
Mental Health Providers	
▪Social Workers	25
▪Psychiatrists	3
▪Psychologist	1
Nurses	
• Nurse Practitioners	14
• Registered Nurses	149
• School of Nursing MOA	8
• Retired Nurses	9
• Nursing Assistant I & II	2
Police/Law	1
Pharmacist	23
Pharmacy Technician	6
Physician	3
Physician's Assistant	1
Public Health Worker	5
Public Health Planner	1
Radiologist	1
Respiratory Therapist	1
Students	7
TOTAL	307

Upcoming Winter 2010 Volunteer Opportunities/ Trainings (Please check our website for updates)

Date	Time	Event
1/13/10	6-7:30PM	NC Winter Storms
1/20/10	6-7PM	PHRC Group Orientation- Chapel Hill
1/30/10	9AM-1PM	Basic CPR- Non-Healthcare specific
1/30/10	9AM-1PM	Logistics Overview- Durham Red Cross
2/13/10	9AM-1PM	Mass Care & Shelter Training- Durham Red Cross
2/27/10	9AM-5PM	Serving People with Disabilities- Durham Red Cross (6.5 contact hours, .7 CEU)
3/13/10	9AM-1PM	Weapons of Mass Destruction- Durham Red Cross
3/16/09	6-7PM	PHRC Group Orientation- Hillsborough
TBA	TBA	Severe Thunderstorms, Building Damage, and Storm Spotting and Safety
On-going	On-line Training	www.thinkculturalhealth.org (up to 9 CE credit hours)

Pre-Registration is required for all activities/ trainings.

Contact: Amanda Bartolomeo

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Welcome to the Team...

Last Name	First Name	Vol Type
Albrecht	Becca	Nurse
Bryant	Meghann	CNA II
Campbell	Kelly	Pharm Tech
Carpenter	Celia	Pharm Student
Causey	David	Addictions Specialist
Fleming	Louise	Nurse
Gibson	Morgan	Nurse
Gnanashanmugam	Devasena	Physician
Gray	Charissa	Student
Harper	Deborah	Admin
Hooke	Philip	Nurse
Kaltz	Allison	Nurse
Lao	Shin-Yi	Nurse
Mascoll	Frank	Nurse
Philpotts	Lisa	Nurse
Schrubbe	Leah	Admin
Snow	Christopher	Pharmacist
Spangler	Andrew	Student
Tanz	Karen	Admin
Tapales	Lenora	Nurse
Wightman	Donna	Pharmacist



Please continue to check Flu resources for updated H1N1 and Seasonal Flu information:

- www.co.orange.nc.us/health/H1N1.asp
- www.flu.gov
- www.cdc.gov/flu

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