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Featured Article

Integrating Core Competencies into Training Plans

In April 2007, the MRC Core Competencies Model was introduced at the MRC National Conference in Providence, Rhode Island. The Maine MRC decided to incorporate the Core Competencies into their basic training plan and made it an essential part of the requirements to become an MRC volunteer in June 2007.

In 2009, an online version of the course was developed to make it easier for volunteers to complete the training on their own time. This version of the training program was presented to the MRC Coordinators of Florida and is now in the process of becoming a standard training option for all MRC volunteers in the state. The program is being implemented in Florida using an online platform.

The Core Competency Matrix is designed to be flexible and can be used in different training settings, such as IC-100 and HCP-700. The goal is to train volunteers with MRC-TRAIN to add the course as a pre-requisite so that MRC units, regardless of location, can offer this training option to their volunteers. The course content continues to be offered for those volunteers who prefer formal instruction or do not have access to a computer in the field.

Tips

- The Core Competency Matrix can be used as a basis for your training plan.
- The matrix includes performance indicators that reflect the level of skills that communities can expect volunteers to have.
- The matrix can be used to develop assessment tools to help you develop and retain your trained volunteers.
- The matrix can be used to determine what skills are needed for your MRC unit.

MRC/NACCHO Connections

Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAP) is a community-based and community-driven process planning process for improving community health. MAP helps communities address public health issues, identify resources for addressing them, and implement strategies relevant to their unique community context.

The MRC process builds on the MAP process to improve the health and safety of communities across the country. MAP provides the framework for addressing public health issues, while MRC enhances the process by providing additional resources to address public health issues and improve the health of communities.

Information about MAP and the MRC process can be found at

Announcements

Conference Provider Submission

The joint MRC/training/medical, public health, risk management, and emergency management (MDP) is accepting abstracts for its 2011 conference. Abstracts are due by March 6, 2011.

Future for America's Health Annual Report

The MRC was included as one of the ten key indicators of state progress in the area of public health emergency preparedness in the final for America's Health Annual Report. "Early at NACCHO Identified and Public Health Flexes EMPOWER and Improves".

Notification of Capacity Building Awards

MRC, a partner in a capacity building award, should receive notification of the award by December 31, 2010.

Emergency Preparedness Toolkit

The Coordination of Minnesota’s Emergency Medical Services is a guide for communities to prepare for a variety of emergency situations, including health and medical emergencies.