

7/06/16 Statewide LHD Call Summary

Hosted by the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, Center for Local Health

Participants: County LHD's – 33
Bureau Staff – 14

Programmatic Updates – Rebecca Schmidt, Center for Local Health

- FY2017 Program Plan
 - Agencies that have submitted all documentation have been routed through the approval process for release of first quarter funding and invoices have been submitted for processing as per Department procedures.
 - All agencies that have not submitted all documentation have been notified via email. If you need further assistance or have questions, please contact the Center for Local Health (CLH) by email at dhhrbphclh@wv.gov or by phone at (304) 558-8870. Agency specific questions will be addressed on a case by case basis by Center staff.
- FY2016 and FY2017 Emergency Fund
 - No applications for the FY2016 Emergency Fund were funded, however, funds from the FY2016 Emergency Fund are being distributed to all local boards of health as per the funding formula and invoices have been submitted to the CFU for processing and distribution.
 - Revisions have been made to the application guidance and form for the FY2017 Emergency Funding and can be accessed on the Centers website <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/localhealth> today. Each application will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- Q & A – None received.

Environmental Health Services – Bill Toomey and Scott Rodeheaver, Bureau for Public Health Source Water Protection Program

- Regulatory Requirements for a Source Water Protection Plan
 - Each existing public water utility which draws and treats water from a surface water supply or a surface water influenced groundwater supply source shall submit to the Bureau for Public Health (BPH) Commissioner/State Health Officer an updated or completed source water protection plan for each of its public water system treatment plants with such intakes to protect its public water supplies from contamination (*W. Va. Code §16-1-9c*).
- Requirements to File and Update a Plan
 - A plan is to be submitted on or before July 1, 2016. Out of 125 agencies 124 have submitted plans for review.
 - The agency has 180 days to review a plan before submitting it for approval. The commissioner may approve, reject or modify the plan as necessary. Before a plan is approved the Office of Environmental Health Services (OEHS) must consult with the public health officer and conduct at least one public hearing when reviewing the plan.
 - OEHS is currently working on providing digital draft copies of the *confidential* submitted plans on a secured web portal at <http://oehsportal.wvdhhr.org/WebPortal/Default.aspx> for the public health officer or administrator within the county to download and review. The plans are confidential and should not be released to the general public.
 - Once the plan has been placed on the portal, notification will be made to the local public health officer and administrator for review.

- If you need an alternative source for the plan to review. You can email scott.j.rodeheaver@wv.gov or phone (304) 356-4270 or william.j.toomey@wv.gov or phone (304) 356-4298.
- Source Water Protection website is located at <http://www.wvdhhr.org/oehs/eed/swap>
- Q & A – None received.

Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing Project Update –Amy Atkins, Center for Local Health

- The Center released a call for participants in a statewide study related to cross jurisdictional sharing and consolidation. All participants that met the criteria have been funded and will participate. In total, there are eight local health departments in three areas of the state with each including two or more contiguous counties.
- The Center is in the process of securing the participation of an academic partner and to reinforce the objectives.
- The goal of the study is to determine how evidence-based policies and procedures related to the combination of local boards of health can be applied to assure the provision of basic public health services across the state and provide equitable coverage for all citizens.
- Q & A
 - Question – I know you have invited some other counties to be part of your program but will the ones that have been sharing services for a long time be assisted somehow or utilized? Answer – All local health departments were provided an opportunity to participate in this study. The Center for Local Health released a call for participation to all local health departments and every local health department that expressed interest and met the criteria was included.

June Flood Response – Amy Atkins, Center for Local Health

- A State of Emergency was declared by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin, and the State Emergency Operating Center (EOC) was fully activated due to severe storms that moved through the state of WV on June 23, 2016 with additional storms on June 27th causing flooding in 3 previously unaffected counties in the state.
- Governor Tomblin requested and was granted a Federal Disaster Declaration (FEMA-4273-DR) for incident period June 23-29, 2016.
- The declaration provides for Individual Assistance (IA), emergency protective measures (Category B) and direct federal assistance under the Public Assistance (PA) program for twelve counties that were heavily impacted. It includes emergency medical support, housing and addresses a number of immediate needs to residents in Kanawha, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Clay, Roane, Summers, Fayette, Monroe, Pocahontas, Webster, Jackson and Lincoln Counties.
- Preliminary assessments indicate a total of approximately 3800 homes were damaged or destroyed and approximately 231 businesses were impacted. Approximately 3500 people have been displaced and living with families, in shelters or other locations.
- Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) have been established and as of this call are operational in Roane, Summers, Nicholas, Greenbrier and Kanawha counties. An update of DRCs will be updated on the Center for Threat Preparedness (CTP) Emergency Response site.
- The Bureau for Public Health (BPH) continues to be engaged in recovery support efforts including communications materials, support to DRCs and support to local agencies requesting assistance.
- The Center for Local Health (CLH) has been engaged throughout the response in areas of local health support including identifying vaccine and staffing needs, dissemination communications materials and facilitating request for assistance from the Bureau for Public Health.
- Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agencies (FEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and various state agencies are at the centers to answer questions.

- Weather permitting; centers are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. 7 days a week until further notice.
<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2016/07/04/disaster-recovery-center-opens-webster-county#>
- Volunteer WV http://www.volunteerwv.org/2/2016floods/index_floodreliev.cft has a page on its website for flood-related volunteering. These links will be uploaded to the Center's SharePoint site.
- CLH reporting objectives during the event were to:
 - Assess and report LHD response activity statewide;
 - Assess availability of statewide resources to support the impacted areas; and
 - Identify state support needed for public health services.
- Q & A – None received.