

FPHR Community of Practice

MEETING DATE: MAY 8, 2024

MINUTES PREPARED BY: LINDA KOPECKY

Meeting structure

1. The facilitator shares essential information about the responsibility to be discussed
2. The group unpacks the responsibility, typically in small groups
3. Discussions are summarized, themes, connections, remaining questions identified
4. The group identifies key points from the discussion to document in meeting notes, chooses the topic for the next CoP meeting, and lists relevant action items

Discussion: Emergency Preparedness and Response

Interesting and thought-provoking that EPR is listed as a capability rather than an area; this points to the way EP can suddenly become part of everyone's work; awareness, skills, and connections need to be in place. Are these expectations transparent?

As foundational capabilities receiving more funding, there might be more buy in and support from boards and leadership to train all staff.

The hybrid model of blending emergency management and EPR seems to be more popular than previously thought; it is an interesting idea for the future. There can be overlap, shared work to reduce the burden, and reduction of duplication of efforts.

We need clear definition around the roles of LPH and MDH, as well as the role of public health and partners in emergencies. Much of EP needs to be at the county level to capitalize on deep relationships. Lab and enforcement need to lie with MDH. This is best done in collaboration. This is a capability where relationships and clarity in those relationships is paramount. The trust that is the foundation of the relationships needs to be in place before the emergency.

Action items

- None

Next meeting: Policy Development and support

Date: June 12, 2024

Time: 1-2 p.m.

Location: Teams

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