

SKILLS-BUILDING SESSIONS

Background: In an effort to meet the needs of the attendees and to incorporate new ideas, the PHEP Summit Committee made the decision to replace the traditional Roundtable Sessions held in the morning prior to the Summit's first Plenary or Concurrent Session with Skills-Building Sessions on June 16th and a networking/meeting opportunity on June 17th.

Purpose: The intent of the Skills-Building Sessions is to provide a dedicated time for presenters/trainers to overview and discuss preparedness tools, assessments, modules or even promising practices, giving participants tips on how to best utilize and incorporate the elements into their local health department's and hospital's preparedness and response programs.

Objectives: Each attendee shall:

- Describe and explain a preparedness tool or practice
- Understand a preparedness tool or practice
- Apply the tool or practice
- Interpret results of a computer tool or model

Examples of Sessions: The sessions could include such tools as:

- Real Opt Computer Modeling Program
- Mercer Pan Flu Collaborative Essential Decision-Making Tool
- CDC's Evacuation Tool
- A unique partnership between two entities making headway locally (steps of formation)

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Length: 1 50-minute session

Recruitment: The process to obtain presenters/trainers will be the same process that was utilized to acquire Roundtable Sessions in previous years, seeking proposals from the State at-large. It is also hopeful that the PHEP Committee will recruit potential sessions through the many Committee's networking channels.

Goal: The PHEP Committee hopes to recruit 8-10 sessions.

Questions: If you have questions or suggestions, please email or call Molly Jo Lamb, Chair of the Skills-Building Sessions, at molly.lamb@illinois.gov or (217) 557-8617.