

## **LPH Institute Update December 17, 2010**

### Foundations for Local Public Health Practice: Tools Needed to Get the Job Done

The Foundations graduations took place on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at UMASS-Amherst and Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Dennis Police Department. Geoff Wilkinson, Senior Policy Advisor, from MDPH was the keynote speaker at UMASS-Amherst and Lauren Smith, Medical Director of MDPH was the keynote in Dennis. In the end, 27 participants successfully completed the course. Nine other participants were unable to attend the final classroom session due to scheduling conflicts. These participants will receive their certificates after they view the recorded session on Program Evaluation and complete their pre-post questionnaires and evaluations.

### MAVEN and Lyme Disease training modules

The MAVEN module is an introduction to MAVEN. It provides step by step tutorials on how to use MAVEN. Similar to the Orientation to LPH module, the MAVEN training is designed to be a resource as well. Users can visit the site as often as needed. Scott Troppy has piloted this tool with several new users to MAVEN and has received positive feedback.

The Lyme Disease training module is 95% complete. The Advisory Committee will vet this training before it is complete. The topic of Lyme Disease may not be applicable to all communities. However, this training module addresses several cross-cutting competencies, such as, analysis, problem-solving, risk management, public health assessment, and health education.

### Annual Training Calendar

A training calendar for 2011 has been drafted. The tentative plan is to deliver all classroom trainings in three locations around the state with evening hours for Western MA. Final dates and times will be determined by Institute staff and class instructors.

Courses to be offered in 2011:

- Food and Water Emergencies
- Foundations for Local Public Health Practice
- Infectious Disease Surveillance, Reporting and Control
- Legal Nuts and Bolts of Isolation and Quarantine: Parts 1 & 2
- Personal Protective Equipment: Protecting Yourself & Your Community from Infectious Disease
- Risk Communication

### Institute Prioritization Survey Results

The top five program areas were: housing; health promotion; food protection, disease surveillance; and wastewater. In 2011, the Institute will focus on developing training modules for these five program areas and for legal issues. Each training module will incorporate the cross-cutting competencies including emergency preparedness whenever possible.

### Institute Fellows/Diplomats Program

This new program would be designed to recognize significant accomplishments from local public health practitioners. The Advisory Committee agreed that this type of program should be pursued and the criteria to become a fellow or diplomat will be determined by a workgroup. Workgroup volunteers are Mary Kersell, Mike Coughlin, Steve Ward, Kathleen MacVarish and Kim Foley.