

LPH Institute Update November 4, 2010

The **Orientation to Local Public Health Practice** is available online on the Institute website. The Institute is currently creating an automated system to issue certificates of completion for users who complete the pre, post –test and evaluations. In addition to being a training tool, the Orientation module was also created to be resource as well. Users can revisit this site as often as needed.

MHOA Conference during Oct. 27 – 29. BUSPH had a table in the exhibit hall. The Orientation module and Foundations 2011 course were both promoted. Current Foundations participants also came by the table to say how much they are enjoying the course.

Foundations course – more specifically, there were 46 registered participants and currently 44 active participants. (Two have been inactive and they will not be invited to the graduation ceremony. Jen has tried reaching out to both and never heard back).

Foundations course graduation will be on December 7th at UMASS-Amherst and December 9th at the Dennis Police Department. Key note speakers are Geoff Wilkinson and Lauren Smith at Amherst and Dennis, respectively. All Foundations instructors are invited to meet the participants in person. Institute Advisory Committee members and CLPH Presidents or their representatives are also invited to attend both or one event.

MAVEN online module – Wayne Lamorte and Scott Troppy has been working on an online training for MAVEN. This online module is an introduction to MAVEN and provides step by step tutorials on how to use MAVEN. Scott has piloted this tool with several new users to MAVEN and has received positive feedback. This online module can replace the classroom training for most people, unless they are having a lot of trouble. A proficiency exam, same as the one used after the classroom training, will be built into the module. Once they pass the proficiency test, Scott will make their town 'live' on the actual MAVEN site. A final product is expected to be available by December. Similar to the Orientation module, the MAVEN training is designed to be a resource as well. Users can visit the site as often as needed. The module can be viewed at <http://sph.bu.edu/otlt/lphi/MAVEN2010>. Please be advised this is not finished yet.

Training Calendar for 2011 – An annual classroom training calendar will be developed for the December Advisory Committee meeting. After the October meeting, Hope Kenefick developed a survey for Advisory Committee members to help the Institute determine the training priorities for 2011. Survey results are currently being analyzed. In the meantime, Jen and Kathleen are working with MDPH Bureaus to determine if there are MDPH trainings that the Institute can help administer in 2011. All trainings will be promoted by the Institute to Local Public Health Agencies.