

LPH Institute Update February 2011

Institute Website

The Institute was recently notified of an ongoing effort across state government to ensure that all state-funded websites are housed within the www.mass.gov portal. We are currently applying for a waiver from moving the website to mass.gov. However, as a state funded website the Institute web address may change in the near future to promote the single "brand" of mass.gov as a trusted informational resource. We will keep you posted as this moves forward.

LPHI of MA "Diplomats" Conference Call on 2/8/11

Participants on the call were Kathleen MacVarish, Jen Tsoi, Wayne LaMorte, Mary Kersell, Mike Coughlin, Steve Ward, and Kim Foley.

The workgroup agreed there was support for the concept and the distinction between this and a new credential. The basic themes are to: acknowledge and encourage continuing education/individual professional development; 'give back' to the profession; and promote involvement with the Institute.

Discussed # Institute classes; # other professional development activities, # courses instructed; participation in LPHI or CLPH activities (i.e. advisory committee, subcommittees, content expert for online modules. Suggested Criteria will be presented and discussed at the next Adv. Comm. meeting.

Institute Meeting with MDPH Bureaus on 2/14/11

Institute staff met with the MDPH Bureau chiefs and agreed to a protocol for online module development. Process and priorities are detailed in the attached document.

Upcoming Trainings

Personal Protective Equipment: Protecting Yourself & Your Community from Infectious Disease
Registration has started. This training is being offered at three locations across the state.

- April 13, 2011: Northampton MDPH, 5pm to 7:30pm
- April 20, 2011: Tewksbury MDPH, 9:30am to 12pm
- May 18, 2011: New Bedford MDPH, 9:30am to 12pm

Risk Communication Seminar – April 7 in Worcester, MA

Center for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness Education and Training (CEEPET) at UMASS Medical School is opening registration to any interested local public health practitioners. Course brochure is included or visit <http://ceepet.com/accounts/110/homepage> for more information.

Legal Nuts and Bolts of Isolation and Quarantine: Parts 1 & 2

All dates, times and locations have been confirmed. Save the dates on the way.

- May 5, 2011: Northampton MDPH, 10am to 3pm
- May 25, 2011: Burlington Town Hall, 10am to 3pm
- June 15, 2011: Conant Community Health Center, Bridgewater, 10am to 3pm

Infectious Disease Surveillance and Investigation

All dates, times and locations have been confirmed. Save the dates on the way.

- June 2, 2011: Tewksbury Hospital - all day
- June 8 & 9, 2011: Bay State Medical Center, Holyoke, two evenings
- June 22, 2011: Wareham Town Hall – all day