

**Sullivan County NH
FY11 COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT**

Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network and Medical Reserve Corps

We thank the Commissioners for their sponsorship as Fiscal Agent to the grant programs allowing the Public Health Network programming to continue and prosper. We are making a difference to the communities we serve every day thanks to funding received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Association of City and County Health Officials and New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.

Who we are:

The mission of the Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network (PHN) is to work closely with Regional partners to create consistent Public Health messages and programs, and to ensure that the Region is prepared for health emergencies. Our Public Health Region is committed to helping people live healthier lives - in accordance with the Sullivan County mission, "All Day, Every Day, We Make Life Better."

The PHN Coordinator/ Regional Coordinator of Public Health and Preparedness, is Jessica McAuliff, MPH. In part of 2010 we employed one part time staff member, Jennifer Goodell, Program Assistant. We had one part time contracted Volunteer Coordinator, Shawna Carpenter.

In January and February of 2010, the PHN identified several locations and alternate locations to utilize as Point of Dispensing (POD) sites, for giving the community emergency vaccinations and medications. Memorandums of Understanding were signed. Also in January, consultant Andrea Johnston completed work on our Communications Plan sections, and developed new media resource lists. We also expanded contracts with New London Hospital and Valley Regional Hospital for rotation of emergency medical supplies in support of our pre-identified Alternate Care Sites, which would be utilized if the Hospital E.R.s became overwhelmed and over capacity. Other early 2010 accomplishments include arranging for the new Government-Emergency-Telecommunications-Services (GETS) cards allowing municipalities' Emergency Service units access to an open phone connection when local lines are down. In March, The PHN Coordinator organized regional public dialogues on the status of Public Health in New Hampshire, with DHHS Commissioner Nick Toumpas. In April, the PHN lead the way to the Healthy Counties Month walking campaign, coordinating with Primex to give out free Pedometers to County Staff and holding a contest throughout the month. Several staff members participated in the event.

The PHN maintains a regional Plan for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response. In 2010 major updates and changes were made to this important Plan and were distributed to regional partners.

The PHN owns two 20-foot Emergency Logistics Trailers containing supplies for emergency sheltering and medical needs. The County Corrections Department assisted the PHN in July to restock our trailers.

Each September is National Preparedness Month. The PHN was active in the community during September, hosting community seminars on Personal and Family Preparedness with the help of Medical Reserve Corps volunteers. These were taped and televised by local community television stations.

The PHN maintains a close working relationship with the Claremont-Newport Healthy Homes Committee. We developed a new logo for the Committee which they adopted for use.