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Volunteers Critical to Success of H1N1 Clinics

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Over three years ago, the Weber-Morgan Health Department (WMHD) began planning for a worldwide influenza pandemic after the discovery of the H5N1 influenza virus, or "avian flu." WMHD recognized the important role that medical and non-medical volunteers would perform in such an event.

When a new influenza virus, known as H1N1 or "swine flu," began to sweep across the globe, the WMHD called on the Weber-Morgan Medical Reserve Corps (WMMRC). The WMMRC was provided with educational materials H1N1 situation reports. This information was delivered throughout the community by MRC Volunteers. Volunteers also expressed an interest in helping with the H1N1 mass vaccination campaign and participated in call down and email notification drills.

With the uncertainty of vaccine availability and delivery dates, we realized we would need volunteers who understood crowd control and logistics.

We met with leaders from local CERT teams to coordinate volunteers trained in first aid and emergency response logistics who were ready to activate.

When vaccination clinics began, volunteers from the WMMRC, CERT and WSU came together in an unprecedented manner for the good of their community.

In an effort to protect the health of the volunteers willing to help out, WMHD offered the H1N1 vaccine prior to the clinics.

Over 200 volunteers were coordinated and scheduled to assist clinic personnel in the vaccination of 15% of the residents of Weber and Morgan Counties.



WMHD H1N1 Strategic Planning Team

Estimated Donated Hours

Approximately **529** hours were donated by Weber-Morgan Medical Reserve Corp volunteers.

Approximately **225** hours were donated by CERT volunteers .

Approximately **488** hours were volunteered by WSU Student and Faculty

That is an estimated total of **1264** hours of donated volunteer time!

Weber State University Faculty and Student Volunteers

On November 16th and 17th 2009, our initial large clinics were held at the Weber State University (WSU) Dee Events Center. WMMRC Advisory Board member **Valerie Gooder** and WMMRC volunteers **London Draper** and **Tamara Chase**, all professors at the WSU Department of Nursing, anticipated the need for volunteers and foresaw a unique opportunity for students and faculty to be a part of a public health emergency response of this magnitude. Together with Administrative Assistant **Rebecca Rigby**, these three nursing professors

recruited 110 plus nursing and EMT student volunteers to assist with the clinics.

Matters became complicated while researching liability coverage for the student volunteers.

In order to ensure liability protection of WSU students, it became necessary for each student to join the WMMRC—including completion of the paperwork—before they could volunteer.

The WMMRC Advisory Board passed an "Emergency Specific" by-law allowing for volunteers

"The WSU Nursing Department professors and staff dedicated countless hours and resources to contact, register, and schedule nursing and EMT student volunteers to assist. These student volunteers were critical to our success."
...Gary House

to assist during a specific declared emergency. **Valerie, London, Tamara, Rebecca** and others spent countless hours getting paperwork completed and scheduling student volunteers.

WSU volunteers rose to the occasion and responded admi-

“Team W”

One unexpected result of the MRC volunteer efforts of dedicated volunteers became affectionately known as “TeamW.”

“Team W” consisted of three physicians and long standing members of the Weber-Morgan Medical Reserve Corps. **Dr. Alton Wagnon**, a retired oncologist, **Dr. Jim Wellman**, a retired surgeon and **Dr. Sandra Whitfield** a retired pediatrician worked tirelessly, sometimes up to 10 to 12 hour days, providing patient education and administering vaccinations during the HINI mass vaccination campaign.

The Weber-Morgan Health Department in conjunction with Weber State University planned the first two mass vaccination clinics to be held at the Dee Events Center on November 16th and 17th. Staff and volunteers were scheduled for four hour shifts.

On the first day, these three physicians showed up at 6:30 am and began setting

up for and administering HINI vaccine. It was during this first busy clinic that they earned the nickname “Team W.”

Drs. Wagnon, Wellman and Whitfield stayed throughout the day on both clinic days providing patient education, vaccination and, on occasion, some much needed comic relief.

This dedication did not stop with the WSU clinics. “Team W” continued to volunteer many long hours during six other mass vaccination clinics held at the Weber County Fairgrounds in December.

They and other volunteers like them served as an example of that which lies at the core of volunteering—the dedication of one’s time and talent for the benefit of others. Their energy and enthusiasm was an inspiration to all who had a chance to work with the now renowned “Team W”.

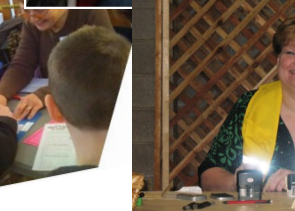
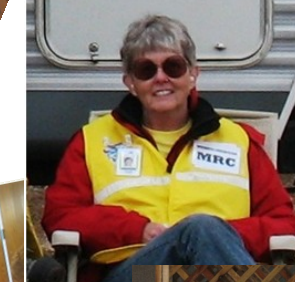
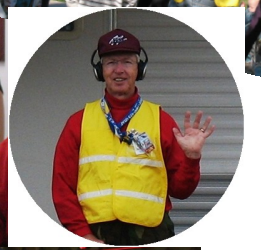


Dr. Jim Wellman (pictured above) together with Dr. Sandra Whitfield and Dr. Alton Wagnon were soon referred to as “Team W” by staff and volunteers.

Faces of

MRC Volunteers who assisted with HINI Clinics includes:

- Colleen Allen
- Karen Anderson
- Linda Burton
- Debbie Campbell
- Charles Chandler
- Tamara Chase
- George Chino
- Rhonda Clark
- Steve Clark
- Mary Colón
- Sara Colón
- London Draper
- Valerie Gooder
- Marge Haviland
- Leslie Herold
- Ian Hess
- Amy Huber
- Russell Lebaron
- Cindy Lundquist
- Katie Money
- Peggy Nielsen
- Vicky Owen
- Dr. Kurt Rifleman
- Sally Shigley
- DeAnn Taylor
- Sandra Trieweiler
- Suzanne Tanner
- Dave and Trina Of-fret
- Alison Polston
- Vince and Dee Quan
- Cathie Smith
- Karen Thorstead
- Tauna Toole
- Dr. Alton and Judy Wagnon
- Lou and Joan Waikart
- Kellee Wayment
- Dr. James Wellmen and Dr. Sandra Whitfield



CERT

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers played a critical role by assisting with the logistics of running a large mass vaccination clinic.

One call to Dewey Cragun and Tammy Folkman, and CERT volunteers were calling, ready and willing to help.

CERT Volunteers included:

- Victor Hansen
- Fred Dries
- Mariane Evans
- Robert and Karla Bugnet
- Joe Lythgoe
- John Brooks
- Ken Johnson
- Beth Taylor
- Dewey Cragun
- Tammy Folkman
- Dean Tanner
- Zack Tanner
- Darin Terry
- And possibly a few others!!!

