

# RC/PIO News & Notes 5-23-2025

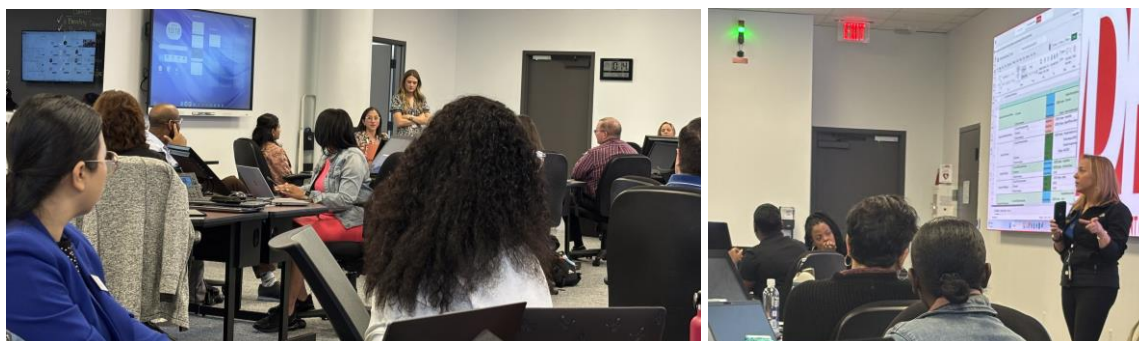


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## News and Notes

A couple of state Emergency Preparedness meetings this week and a preview of next month's quarterly DPH statewide district risk communicators' meeting will be topics to highlight this week.

## DHEART



The state DHEART team met Wednesday at the EOC and discussed the needs for training, organization and information. Various state plans were cited for future updates, including the Pandemic Flu Plan, and the Emergency Operation Plan and its annexes. Subject Matter Experts are being asked to review and update the annex that pertains to their specific discipline. The group also heard updates on planned exercises, mainly the Vigilant Guard full-scale exercise to be held the first week of December.



## Quarterly PIO meeting

The next quarterly statewide DPH Risk Communicators / Public Information Officers meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 11 at 10:00 in the morning. Thanks to our speakers who have agreed to present to the group on topics that include the digital FindHelp feature, PHEP impact statements, new CERC plan formatting, and exercise updates. District R/C's – PIO's should have received an agenda this week. If you have any additional topic suggestions, or you need a meeting invite, please reach out.

## State DPH EPR monthly meeting



The state DPH EPR team met on Tuesday at the EOC for a monthly meeting that included a talk from HR representative Jeremy Yates. He provided an overview on how to keep your records in order and what to watch for as system changes occur. An update on development of the Georgia Infectious Disease Network was provided by Litty Varghese. Elevating the role of the Duty Officer was a discussion led by Chris Owen. The next monthly meeting for this group is June 17.



## Next Week Preview

Hoping everyone enjoys an extended Memorial Day weekend and takes a moment to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country.

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