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PHEP Deliverables Due July 15

[4th Quarter PHEP 2023-2024 Progress Report - Formstack \[yvm0dj30.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me\]](https://formstack.com/yvm0dj30.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me)

[B1 - PHEP Expense Report 4th Quarter BP5 - Formstack \[yvm0dj30.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me\]](https://formstack.com/yvm0dj30.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me)

Meet the Staff

Peter Callahan - PHEP Section Supervisor

Peter provides oversight to all program management, operational activities, and PHEP section staff. He serves as the State liaison for the Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) Advisory Council, DES Emergency Response Commission, DES Intrastate Mutual-Aid as well as the co-chair for the Emergency Support Function 8 Advisory Council. Peter is the contact for questions regarding regulations on allowable activities and costs associated with the PHEP grant.



Colin Tobin - Hospital Preparedness Program Manager

Colin manages all aspects of the Hospital Preparedness Program and supervises associated staff within the PHEP section. He serves as the other Emergency Support Function 8 Advisory Council co-chair, provides funding for, and works closely with Montana’s four regional Healthcare Coalitions.



Chris Boyce - PHEP Grant Manager & Strategic Planner

Chris is a National Incident Management System (NIMS ICS) instructor and assists with the planning, exercises, and training development for local jurisdiction and state staff. Additionally, Chris is a key player for strategic planning and grant management for the PHEP program.



Andrea Wingo - Risk Communications & Mass Care Coordinator

Andrea coordinates the preparation and distribution of Health Alert Network documents from the State to local health jurisdictions and manages Risk Communications for PHEP. She acts as the coordinator for the Public Health Directory and manages the Everbridge Mass Notification system. Additionally, Andrea works with partners to keep the State Mass Care plan updated.



Melissa Burch - Volunteer Management Coordinator

Melissa acts as the PHEP Volunteer Management Coordinator, maintaining a comprehensive list of individuals with specific certifications or training that can be deployed in the event of an emergency. Melissa also focuses on internal quality improvement processes for the PHEP section.



Dan Synness - Emergency Preparedness Financial Chief

Dan oversees the development and management of task orders as well as distribution of payments for both the PHEP and Hospital Preparedness Programs. He monitors the budgets and ensures fiscal compliance for both grants.



Gary Zimmerman - Exercise Coordinator

Gary is a Master Exercise Practitioner and is the coordinator for PHEP exercises throughout the State. He leads up the PortaCount Respiratory Mask Fit Testing Program and is available to help coordinate fit testing for practitioners. He also available to help design and evaluate exercises for local, regional or state partners.



Luke Fortune – Planning & Training Lead

Luke is responsible for maintaining DPHHS’s emergency preparedness and response plans, including the Emergency Operations Plan. His experience and knowledge of CDC and PHEP standard capabilities helps maintain communication for planning considerations between response partners, both internal and external to the Department. He is also available to assist in coordinating training for emergency preparedness partners throughout the State.



Jacob Brown - Continuity & Training Coordinator

Jacob maintains the Continuity of Operations Plan for the State and is responsible coordinating training and for editing and updating the PHEP webpage. He works closely with PHEP staff to coordinate trainings throughout the state, assists with PortaCount requests, and manages the 24/7 After Hours Call line.



Mackenzie Mann – Program Specialist & Preparedness Field Assignee

Mackenzie is the CDC Preparedness Field Assignee and is one of three CDC employees assigned to DPHHS to help increase our capacity and facilitate relationships between DPHHS and CDC. She works closely with partners from across the state and nation to provide best practice guidance on Access and Function Needs and how to incorporate Health Equity into PHEP activities. She is also PHEP liaison for Summer Institute planning.



Taylor Curry – Strategic National Stockpile / CHEMPACK Coordinator

Taylor is the State coordinator for the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), including the three Cities Ready Initiative sites throughout the state and keeps the State Medical Countermeasures plan updated. Additionally, he is the coordinator for the Receipt, Stage and Storage (RSS) and CHEMPACK programs. He manages the warehouse and is responsible for coordinating placement, receipt, and distribution of any Medical Countermeasures the state receives from federal partners.



Trisha Gardner – Local Health Jurisdiction Liaison

Trisha coordinates technical assistance requests for local health jurisdictions. She is responsible for sharing information from the State to local jurisdictions through multiple modalities and serves as the main point of contact for jurisdictions with questions or concerns about grant activities. She is available to work through difficult scenarios and help set up jurisdictions for success.



Upcoming Trainings:

National Access & Functional Needs Symposium – virtual

July 11th-12th, from 10am-1pm daily

[2024 National Access and Functional Needs Symposium Tickets, Thu, Jul 11, 2024 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite \[vmm0dj30.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me\]](#)

North Dakota PIO Association Conference

July 15-17, 2024 Bismarck, ND

Scheduling and registration - [Home - NDPIO \[vmm0dj30.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me\]](#)

Public Health Summer Institute- registration is open

Helena: July 15-19

Virtual event July 22-25

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/buildinghealthysystems/summerinstitute>
[\[vmm0dj30.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me\]](#)

Visit [training \(mt.gov\) \[vmm0dj30.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me\]](#) for additional training offerings.

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