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News and Notes

Many of us were among the record crowd attending the NACCHO PREP Summit this week in Atlanta. We'll have some highlights and numerous pictures of activities that occurred at the Summit this year. We'll also spotlight a couple of noteworthy moments from the previous week.

PREP Summit



The 2023 National Association of County and City Health Officials Preparedness Summit held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta this week provided numerous opportunities to connect with colleagues from throughout the country. Sessions covered topics ranging from addressing misinformation to overcoming professional burnout, and from electronic communication tools to One Health concepts and everything in between. There were also poster presentations dog petting therapy, and moments of connecting with current and former co-workers from Georgia.

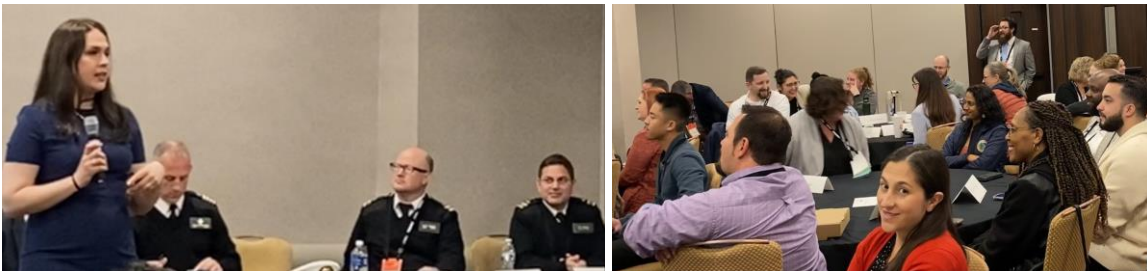




BioWatch



On the last day of the PREP Summit the BioWatch National program took the opportunity to meet with about 80 members from local jurisdictions throughout the country. They talked about possibly adding agents of possible interest to the list of those they test for that are considered potential biological weapons. They also talked about branching out to include cities that are not officially BioWatch jurisdictions to conduct environmental sampling at times of major events or large gatherings. Members from throughout the country talked about their anticipated needs, shared best practices and discussed resource needs and uses.



EMAG Addendum



We had a number of pictures from the Emergency Management Association of Georgia Conference in Savannah earlier this month that were not posted heretofore. Among those is the image above-left from Saneika Thomas who organized a DPH training coordinators gathering.

Congratulations

Taking physical activity to a whole new level, we congratulate Tracy Dabbs and her curling team. Team Newborn was one of the 23 teams nationally to qualify for the prestigious competition in Eagan, Minnesota April 19-23. They had multiple wins, and a couple hard-fought almost wins.

Check out the action here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNAc8Xir81g>



Next Week Preview

There are many events and activities in store for next week. One of note will be the annual Georgia Public Health Association Conference in Jekyll Island, Wednesday through Friday.

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