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LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR TEAM MEMBERS

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Dr. Sheila Hall is an American Board Certified Pediatric Dentist, licensed in both Illinois and Nevada. She is the Dental Director at the Infant Welfare Society (IWS) – a community health care center located in Chicago, providing comprehensive pediatric medical, dental, and mental health services to low-income families. As adjunct professor with the University Of Illinois School Of Dental Medicine, she mentors and instructs senior dental students in treating pediatric patients at IWS, to experience delivery of dental care in a public health care facility. She also works as an associate pediatric dentist in private practice at two Illinois suburban locations – Barrington and Mount Prospect.

Sheila received her Bachelors of Science degree in Biology from Loyola University of Chicago. She attained her Doctorate of Dental Surgery from Loyola University School of Dentistry in Maywood, where she also continued to complete a post-graduate residency program in Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Hall is active within her profession: she is a member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry College of Diplomates,

American Dental Association, Illinois State Dental Society, Chicago Dental Society, and the Illinois Primary Health Care Association. She also participates in the ***Bright Smiles from Birth*** program – an oral health education and technical assistance program, targeting the pediatric medical profession on working with dental professionals to increase their awareness in infant oral health.

Sheila joined DMORT Region V in 1996. Aside from attending the team trainings and annual meetings, she has been deployed: the World Trade Center Tragedy (New York 2001) and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (St. Gabriel, Louisiana 2005). She has contributed to the DMORT National Newsletter (2001) and Region V Newsletter, *The Voice of V* (2004), as Co-Editor. In addition to DMORT, Sheila is a member of the Cook County Medical Examiner's Disaster Response Team.

Sheila currently resides in Lake Zurich, Illinois. She enjoys traveling, power walking, and watching Chicago sports. In her lifetime, she hopes to see her favorite baseball team - the Chicago Cubs - win the World Series. In the meantime, Sheila is proud to be a member of the “winning” DMORT Team!

Call Down Drill

On September 2nd, a call down was initiated by Region V Commander Frank Saul, while serving as the DMORT Liaison Officer on the IRCT for the Republican National Convention in St Paul, MN, and also in anticipation of the approach of several hurricanes.

Many thanks to the following Region V team members who helped provide a successful and informative call down drill:

Brad Targhetta, Dave Walters, Jim Adams, Jan Simons, Ruth Grant, Charles Berner, Caroline Caliguri, Shawn Wilson, Brian Wood, Tim Schmidt, Brent Hartley, Bob J. Nicola, Gary Berman, John Stanley, Paul Bodnar, AJ Jarabek, Sandy Block, Mike Rortvedt, John Callahan, Rick Lohrstorfer, Don Simpson, OJ Fawcett and of course, Sue Atwood, our AO who monitored and tabulated the responses.

The response by our Team members was rapid. The call down was initiated at 0800 and we had 59 members rostered within about 4 hours. By the time the drill ended at 2030, we had 68 members rostered in all the needed specialties. This result very much impressed the IRCT members from HQ and various Teams.

However, the drill revealed concerns that need to be addressed immediately. We have some members with no uniforms, some with no credit cards and some with no ID badges. Come January the IS 100, 200, 700 and 800(b) courses will become mandatory

for deployment. This will increase our list of nondeployable members. There are also members that have provided no current contact information. It is **your** responsibility as a team member to keep Sue Atwood informed of any contact number changes, address changes, and bank changes for direct deposits (if you deploy, we assume you would like to get paid). Your certificates of completion for the online courses are also to be sent to Sue. The email address you receive upon successful completion of each course contains a link for the certificate. You may forward this email to Sue and do not have to send the actual certificate

Each member needs to take responsibility to ensure he/she meets all requirements for deployability. Region V has over 100 people on a waiting list eager to join the team. There will be times that you will not be able to go out the door, even though you have met the deployability requirements and the leadership team understands this. Rotations will be limited to two weeks and not extended as in the past. There will be a chance to be put on the next roster if you are not able to leave immediately. In regard to the use of the individually billed account (IBA) credit cards, please familiarize yourselves with the Employee IBA Policy Guide, the Online User Guide and the Individual Cardholder Agreement you signed.

Contact Sue@dmort.org if you still need to apply for a credit card or attend a badging/fingerprint session.

Contact Jim@dmort.org for uniform and patch requests. Jim is also handling updates and questions on immunizations.

Contact Janette.Simons@hhs.gov if you have any problems accessing the online training.

Immunization Updates

Jim Adams
Logistics Officer

H.H.S. has done some revisions of our immunization requirements, and is very serious in wanting us all protected.

Annual Flu Shot

Annual TB Skin Test (if the test reveals a false positive, a medical signature that we are asymptomatic is required.)

Every 7 years: Tetanus Shot

We should all have our immunization records up to date for polio, hepatitis series, MMR, etc.

Be sure to send copies of your immunization card to Sue or Jim once the annual immunizations are completed.

Stay prepared. Keep your go bag ready and be sure your medications are up to date and not expired.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding immunizations, please contact me at Jim@dmort.org.

Condolences

Region V would like to express their sincere condolences to **Dr Allan Warnick** on the passing of his beloved wife, Elizabeth. If you would like to send a personal note, Allan can be reached at the address provided below:

Allan Warnick
30518 High Valley Dr
Farmington Hills, Mi 48331

Those who wish to further honor the memory of Liz may do so by making a contribution to:

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Michigan <<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/mig>>
The Childrens Cancer Research fund <<http://www.childrenscancer.org>>

2009 Training Summit

April 4-8, 2009

Dallas, TX

The National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) is currently co-sponsoring the 2009 Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit (formerly known as the NDMS Training Summit) with the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP), and the Office of Force Readiness and Deployment (OFRD).

The website for the 2009 Training Summit is <http://www.hhstrainingsummit.org>.

Abstract submissions are now being considered for this event. Deadline for abstract submission for workshops and main training summit sessions is October 7, 2008. All abstracts must be submitted to Jan Simons at Janette.Simons@hhs.gov for review. Please check the website regularly for updates regarding this training.

Photographs

In order to make our Voice of V newsletter more enjoyable and interesting, we would like any or all of our team members to send us pictures of family, friends, vacations, pets, or simply beautiful nature shots, such as the lovely rainbow in this month's edition, which was seen in Michigan this summer. These photos will add a little something "extra" for all of Region V to see and enjoy. Please help us to make "our" newsletter one to be enjoyed and appreciated. Thank you all in advance for your help in making our newsletter the BEST!!

Anything can be sent to the following email addresses:

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Sheila Hall: halls@infantwelfare.org



Photograph taken by Sue Atwood