

Workshop Description

3/30/07 3:00pm Workshop Block 6

41. Training healthcare first receivers: Bringing HAZWOPER operations level training to hospitals
*(ICWUC/SEIU– Bruce Mahan & Mark Catlin) Tracks: Emergency/Disaster Response and Preparedness/
Training Approaches for Worker Empowerment*

This session will describe two “train-the-trainer” models for delivering effective Hospital-based First Receiver emergency response classes. The motivation for the ICWUC approach was the difficulty in getting participants released from their jobs to attend three- and four-day programs. The SEIU approach began in an attempt to replace a consulting firm conducting poor training with a worker-trainer led Small Group Activity Model.

The participants will then engage in a roundtable discussion focused on overcoming the barriers to conducting this training in healthcare, an industry with very limited experience with HAZWOPER. Worker and union successes in improving emergency response plans and the role of good training will be highlighted.