**2016 Annual Meeting Region Leaders Meeting Notes – May 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Attendance**

Six of seven regions were represented

**Region 6 Accomplishment**

* Increased meeting attendance – from 6-7 to 20+, due to MHCA reporting and education component in afternoon.

**Challenges**

* Attendance
* Finding speakers
* Travel time; time constraints
* Variety of attendees – challenge to provide in-depth resources for all
* Not enough time to find resources
* List management

**How to Overcome Challenges**

* Have a bank of resources/education/planned topics
* Quarterly webinars
* MHCA call-in to hear Region concerns and provide update
* Incorporate MHCA Team updates in meetings
* Nurse consultants input – Q & A
* Align Region meeting times/dates
* Networking apart from education
* Do a Region survey
* Offer cost-effective education/webinars
* Education planning in advance
* Concise education alerts
* Partner with community resources for venue, treats
* MHCA send Region meeting notification
* Region listservs
* Annual Meeting time for each region; 30-60 minute meetings

**Discussion Regarding Meetings – 2017**

Consensus by participants reached to try a quarterly meeting schedule – all on the same date and consisting of a free webinar provided by MHCA along with MHCA updates. Regions would decide individually how much time following the webinar/MHCA updates they would allocate for discussion and networking. Potential dates and topics to be discussed during next Region Leaders call, date TBD.