



Nancy Lewis, a loyal volunteer with the Bucks County Medical Reserve Corps

Nancy is an accounting manager for Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc., and has worked in the Newtown Care Management Center for 15 years. Outside of work, Nancy volunteers her time with the Bucks County Medical Reserve Corps (BC-MRC) and she was featured in their January 2017 newsletter. This is how she explained her role:

I answered an ad in the paper in 2005. The health department was looking for volunteers to staff the first vaccine drill of the newly formed BC-MRC. I remember arriving with one of my teenage children (who came just for the vaccine) and the both of us ended up working side by side at the drill for the entire day. I was immediately hooked!

Through the BC-MRC, I took classes on epidemiology, disaster preparedness, Red Cross shelter training, bioterrorism, POD management, and public speaking. I became part of the Leadership team as a non-medical member. Over the years, I have attended drills, managed vaccination clinics, and represented the BC-MRC at fairs and children's expos. I have also given presentations on preparedness and I was part of the MRC group that assisted Philadelphia during the 2015 Papal visit.

From time to time BC-MRC volunteers are asked if they would help other groups. Over the last six years, I volunteered through the BC-MRC to work at the DEA sponsored National Drug Take back days scheduled twice a year. Working alongside law enforcement, I greet, hand out literature, and educate people as they drop off their unneeded medicine. It means a lot to me to know that the many pounds of drugs we collect won't be misused or hurt the environment. Due to my enthusiasm I guess, I was invited to help start a new organization, "**Neshaminy Coalition for Youth**", which will promote drug prevention and anti-bullying programs to help area children thrive. I am thankful that the BC-MRC has given me opportunities that have then led to other opportunities to serve my community and make a difference.