

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting  
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)  
October 21 9:30 a.m.  
South Congregational Church, Hartford

***Call the meeting to order***

Chair Dan Vindigni chaired the meeting, called it to order at 9:30 a.m.

***Adoption of the Minutes***

Ed Lescoe, seconded by Stephen Thal, made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2010 meeting. All in favor, so voted.

***Public Comment***

There was no public comment.

***Federal and State Liaison Reports***

Tom Gavaghan, DEMHS Region III Coordinator briefed the group on the October 19 exercise for the FEMA Radiological Ingestion Pathway evaluation.

***Connecticut Initiative for Emergency Preparedness in Child Care***

Peter Palermino, DSS, and Jessica Burton, Save the Children and Project Director for this initiative, described the process, time frame and deliverables for assisting the state to improve its capabilities for ensure the safety and well-being of children in child care before, during and after disasters. They are working closely with DEMHS and many local, regional, and statewide organizations. The plan will use the "211-Child Care" system as the point of entry for information and communications. This is DSS's first partnership with DEMHS and the emergency response community. The consultant's work should be completed by the end of June, 2011.

***Unfinished Business***

CREPC – The Road Ahead: Carmine Centrella reported that staff have developed a spreadsheet to track progress on implementing the recommendations developed in this document. The CRCOG Policy Board has designated Barbara Gilbert, Rocky Hill Town Manager, to be the second Policy Board liaison to the UAWG. A web page will be developed to post documents and share progress on implementation.

PPE Replacement: Working through the region-wide associations of police and fire chiefs, staff will survey towns to determine their needs for personal protective equipment to replace that provided by the state through early Homeland Security grants several years ago.

RESP: The Regional Emergency Support Plan needs to be updated by the spring.

PreDisaster Hazard Mitigation Plan: CRCOG's Community Development division is applying for grant funding to review and update this Plan. They will be working closely with public safety planners ESF 5 on the update, and an annual review and report on progress of the mitigation strategies developed will become part of the overall public safety planning process. This plan will also serve as the hazard vulnerability assessment for CREPC.

Training: Dan Scace commented briefly on training opportunities and then described the plan for a significant exercise process over the next two years that will include a series of seminars, workshops, table-top exercises and functional exercises. As a result of the recent concept and objectives meeting, fifteen components have been identified that need to be looked at and/or exercises. The first workshop will be held on January 20, to review all existing plans for WMD response.

UASI: Dan reported that he is working on an RFP to maintain regional equipment so that can sustain existing resources., that contracts with consultants for long term care and for exercising are being extended to cover additional work, that responses for the Citizen Corps RFP are due tomorrow, and that the Patient Tracking system was approved by the CRCOG policy board yesterday. The Improvement Planning Conference (held this year on September 29) will be an annual event to review what types of

incidents are happening in the region and how we can support them locally and regionally. Communications and special needs (now “functional needs”) will be a component of all exercises.

***New Business –***

***Report of Nominations Committee***

On behalf of the Nominations Committee, Katherine McCormack presented the following slate of nominees for next month’s election of officers:

Chairman: Brian Heavren  
Co-Chair: Laurie Ann Scotti (for re-election)  
Co-Chair: Mark Sirois

***Reports of Standing Committees***

RESF 8 – (Steve Huleatt) Local health districts can apply for up to \$100,000 in grant funding for activities relating to H1N1 or identified in after actions reports from last year’s H1N1 exercise.

RESF 13 – (Chief Sirois) They are reviewing the police mutual aid pact. He and Cheryl Assis have also met with Commissioner Boynton to discuss questions that have arisen relating to operationalizing the RESP.

RESF 19 – (Steve Thal) There are several upcoming training opportunities. Brian Rykowski reported on the FEMA conference that they attended in Baltimore last month, including the recommendation that “Special Needs” terminology be replaced with “functional needs.”

***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 10:50a.m. The next meeting is November 18, 2010.