

**Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3) October 23, 2014
9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford**

Call to order

Chair Bruce Lockwood called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. Participants introduced themselves and Bruce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – none

Adoption of the Minutes

Mike Turner, seconded by Stephen Thal, made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2014, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

Mary Rose Duberek reported for Tom Gavaghan. DEMHS is in the process of doing the annual reviews of municipal EOPs. She encouraged all towns who have not yet submitted theirs to do so. DEMHS's Region 3 EMD meetings are scheduled for October 29 at 6:00 p.m. and October 30 at 10 a.m. They will be held at the Hartford EOC on High Street. DEMHS has issued a press release and has sent out an email with notification of their ebola web site.

Unfinished Business

EMAP Update – Chairman Lockwood reported that a team from CREPC met with representatives of the accreditation team to go over CREPC's report card for accreditation. He received notification on October 15 that we have been awarded conditional accreditation, and have 9 months to address the remaining issues. One of the important things that we need to address is "buy-in" from participants in the process, so he encouraged all to participate in focus groups/workshops as the process progresses.

AEM-CEM Certification Program Update – There are 22 individuals who have participated in this process, and 19 have sat for the exam to date.

New Business

2014 Spending Plan – Barbara Buddington call attention to the summary table of funds available from SHSGP FFY 2012, 2013, and 2014 grants, noting that the funding is for maintenance and support of existing projects. Dave Kosciuk, seconded by Joyce Stille, made a motion to accept the FFY 2014 spending plan as presented. All in favor, so voted.

2012 Spending Plan – Noting that the funding levels for training and equipment are very low in the FFY 2012 spending plan, Chairman Lockwood urged regional teams and RESFs to look at their anticipated needs and to let leadership know what they are by submitting requests for funding for consideration. He noted that Hazmat has a separate source of funds, and that there is a set-aside for bomb squad equipment. He also discussed the need for having all training reimbursement requests pre-approved. Joyce Stille, seconded by Don Janelle made a motion to change the CREPC Training Reimbursement Policy to reflect that pre-approval is required for all training and exercise reimbursement requests, so that funds can be encumbered. All in favor, so voted.

Election of Officers:

On behalf of the nominating committee, Don Moore reported that both Chairman Bruce Lockwood and 2nd Vice Chair Dave Kosciuk are willing to serve for another two-year term. He invited additional nominations from the floor. As there were no additional nominations, Jeff Getz made a motion, seconded by Don Janelle that one vote be cast for the slate presented. All in favor, so voted.

ESF – Selected Committee Reports

ESF 5 – Adoption of the Region 2 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan – Bill Perkins presented the executive summary of the Region’s NHMP, noting the identification of highest priority hazards, possible mitigation efforts and identification of those components of mitigation with which CREPC could assist at the regional level. He noted that this has been accepted by FEMA and has been accepted by the CRCOG Policy Board. Don Janelle, seconded by Joyce Stille, made a motion that CREPC adopt this NHMP as a regional plan. All in favor, so voted.

ESF 8 – Ebola Update

Dave Kosciuk gave a Powerpoint presentation on ebola issues and resources. RESF 8 has developed an IAP (copies distributed at the meeting). He urged everyone to start tracking expenses incurred for preparation and response for ebola incidents, in the event that funds become available in the future to reimburse them. He will ask the state to create a WEB EOC incident for the sharing of information on ebola. Steve Huleatt followed up with information shared at a conference call this morning regarding current status of possible ebola cases in CT. He also talked about state statute 19-825 which restricts what Health Directors can say in cases of human illness, and noted the distinction between “duty to inform” vs “duty to warn”.

Other Business/ Information

Chairman Lockwood reported that one billion dollars is available for resiliency grants, but the grant has only 67 eligible applicants. In CT, the state is the only eligible applicant.

Cheryl Assis noted that former Chair Brian Heavren is retiring from the Hartford Police Dept. tomorrow, and that former CREPC Chair Dan Vindigni is now Chair of the Springfield MA REPT.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2015.