

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council
RESF-8 Public Health and Medical
July 6, 2016
Regional Coordination Center
Manchester, Connecticut

David Kosciuk opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Those present introduced themselves.

The minutes of June had been distributed prior to this meeting.

Mr. Huleatt reported on local Public Health: Held a facilitated discussion regarding the establishment of a Regional Distribution Site. At the end of the day, the group decided to continue to explore the concept. There will be an AAR/notes generated as a result of this project. CT DPH has taken a strong stance with NACCHO on our Project Public Health Ready re-accreditation. We anticipate a decision from NACCHO in the near future. The next Public Health Section meeting will be on 7/15/16 at the South Windsor Health Department.

Mr. Desanti reported on Long Term Care via written report to the chair: The LTC-MAP plan had two activations in June 2016. There were some difficulties with one of those activations and Mr. Desanti is following up with Russell Phillips.

Mr. Centrella reported on MMRS: Evaluating a new grant opportunity from DHS for the region called Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA).

Ms. McCormack reported on the Medical Reserve Corps: The CR-MRC meets this evening and it will be a scenario based meeting regarding Active Shooter event. Additionally, the Medical Director will be conducting training on Narcan administration. The CR-MRC will be participating in the Mass Fatality exercise in October providing triage and first aid.

Ms. Dean reported on Behavioral Health: Recently held a leadership meeting to evaluate their infrastructure following the recent state layoffs. They focused on strategic planning including development of a training plan for the next year as well as identifying new leadership candidates that could start to be mentored.

DPH Report:

The Medical Counter Measures Full Scale Exercise After Action Report has been finalized and distributed.

There is a revised Med-Surge Plan that is going out for review and comment.

The state has received notice of a \$320,000 Zika grant award. They have also receive notification of the PHEP award to begin July 1, 2016. There was a \$490,000 cut in PHEP and that amount is being absorbed by CT DPH and not locals.

Some activity with Zika cases. Estimated that there have been about 300 individuals screened by the lab with about 9-10 positives, not all were Zika. Most of the cases are coming from the Dominican Republic.

CT DPH establishing a Communications Committee for hospitals to help set up a booklet/guide regarding all of the communication assets that have been issued to hospitals.

Mystery patient drills will begin for all Hospitals. CT DPH will coordinate with a trusted agent at each hospital. Intent is to identify, isolate and notify.

The Ebola playbook has been renamed the Ebola Quick Reference Guide.

Joe Albanese from the CT Biodosimetry Lab at Yale spoke about a joint DPH/DEMHS grant project to recruit volunteers to screen for radiological contamination and perform decontamination following an event. There will be more information coming out on this program soon.

A reminder of the Mass Fatality Exercise scheduled for October 24-28, 2016 with the significant days of activity being Tuesday (Scene Management/Evidence Collection), Wednesday (Mortuary Process), Thursday (Family Assistance Centers).

DEMHS Report:

No representative available.

Other Business:

Reminder of the CREPC Meeting July 21, 2016 at 0930 hours at South Congregational Church in Hartford.

There is no August Meeting.

The Meeting Adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2016.

Submitted:



David Kosciuk

Chair