

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council
RESF-8 Public Health and Medical
May 4, 2016
Regional Coordination Center
Manchester, Connecticut

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

Those present introduced themselves.

The minutes of April 2016 had been distributed prior to this meeting.

Mr. Huleatt and Ms. Marquis reported on local Public Health: There was good representation from CT and the region at the Preparedness Summit. Melissa provided an overview of some of the more popular sessions.

Ms. Schultz provided a recommendation for all sections to take a look at the Rand Table Top exercises for surge capacity. This is a free service from Rand and online.

Mr. Miller provided an overview of the Open POD they conducted at the Eastern Highlands Health District (MDA-40). They had 110-120 participants with 11-12 different partner groups.

Mr. Desanti reported on Long Term Care: The statewide Annual Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan Conference will be in Hartford this year on May 25, 2016. He also provided an overview of two recent activations within the state.

Mr. Baldwin reported on EMS: CMED has implemented its new alerting process/system (Google Group is no longer in service). If you are interested in receiving alerts pertaining to diversion and other EMS issues, please contact Brian at baldwinb@northcentralctems.org. Mr. Spencer reported CT DPH OEMS information including the new Director is in place; they are on the cusp of issuing out new statewide guidelines for all levels of EMS providers.

Individual hospitals reported out: Mr. Kramer reported that Hartford Hospital recently completed its HVA and their new focus is now cyber security. Mr. Koscuk reported that he had reviewed other hospital HVA's from the region and that cyber security was also a priority item for them as well. Mr. Koscuk asked the hospitals if there was something the regions could be or should be doing to assist (education, awareness, etc). The hospitals identified that CHA was hosting a cyber security conference on May 10, 2016 and CT DPH reported that at the next Healthcare Coalition meeting there would be a presentation on cyber security. John Dempsey Hospital (UCONN) opens it's new patient care tower in the next two weeks.

Mr. Centrella reported on MMRS: The House passed [the PREPARE Act \(HR 3583\)](#) last night. This bill addressed a variety of DHS issues, but two of particular note for us would be:

- Allows use of SHSGP and UASI money for purchasing medkits for first responders and their families (this is the Florida Rep. Bilirakis bill, he has been a strong supporter of MMRS in the past)

- Authorizes the establishment of a two-year pilot program for voluntary first responder anthrax vaccinations using vaccines from the SNS

I have been working with of the national groups and would for the “collective us” to consider using CT as one of the sites for the 2 yr. vaccination pilot program, if it fits any MSA first responder demographics for consideration. I will be reviewing more in-depth to see how the pilot program would/could align with legislative intent if we would fit the bill for consideration. The bill requires the program to be offered in at least two states (pge 35 line 6-10) and I think CT being small enough may be looked upon favorably as a statewide pilot vs. an individual municipality or MSA. If there is little interest as a statewide program I would recommend that CREPC consider stepping forward and offering to be a program site.

Ms. McCormack reported on the Medical Reserve Corps via written report to the Chair: CT and CR-MRC well represented at the Preparedness Summit in Dallas. CR-MRC meeting Wednesday night in East Hartford. Leadership CR-MRC meeting last week to assess where we are and where we're going. Looking at recruitment and unit restructuring. Looking for future opportunities to build capabilities.

Ms. Dean reported on the Behavioral Health Section: Did a Psychological First Aid for the East Hartford CERT Team. DBHRN participated in Stamford, Torrington, and Mansfield SNS Exercises. These exercises provided changes to orient new team members to what does it meant to support a Public Health Emergency.

DPH Report:

Ms. Brockmeyer reported for EPI that the E Coli outbreak in the state is slowing down. EPI did participate in the MCM Exercise as well.

Ms. Ferreira reported on the following:

The PHEP Grant sustained a cut of \$469,000 will be absorbed by the DPH.

CT DPH is working on the Statewide AAR for the MCM Exercise.

There will be a Multi-Year Exercise Training Program meeting on May 8, 2016 at Eversource to finalize the plan.

There will be a Healthcare Coalition meeting on June 27, 2016 agenda to be published soon.

There will be a HHS Region 1 meeting in Niantic in September 2016.

Work being done on Zika education materials and PSA's they will be pushed out to locals soon.

DEMHS Report:

Mr. Vannini reported that the new WebEOC is scheduled to be launched too.

Other Business:

Dave Koscuk reported the CREPC has a Nominating Committee established for Elections in the fall. Currently the Chair and 2nd Vice Chair positions are up for election.

The Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Kosciuk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Kosciuk" clearly distinguishable.

David Kosciuk

Chair

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MEETING Sign-In

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