

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council
RESF-8 Public Health and Medical Services
June 1, 2016
Regional Coordination Center
Manchester, CT

Carmine Centrella opened the meeting at 9:35 AM

Introductions with those present

May 2016 meeting minutes were made available via posting on Capitol Region Council of Governments website

CT-DPH Report

Ms. Ferreira, Ms. Provenzano, and Ms. Brockmeyer reported for CT-DPH.

Items reported on:

Provenzano; Marketing material for Medical Reserve Corps, and volunteer recruitment. The May-July CT-DPH Readiness Response Report was distributed.

Ferreria; Planning continues on the Fatality Management exercise taking place in October 2016 through the New York City Regional Catastrophic Planning area. The US HHS Regional meeting for Region 1 will be taking place in September 2016. The next statewide healthcare coalition meeting will take place June 27th at the Eversource complex in Berlin CT. Registration is required through CT Train at ct.train.org.

Brockmeyer; CT-DPH Epi is seeing an uptick in bacterial clusters such as salmonella in CT.

Provenzano; CT-DPH will be seeking volunteers to assist reception centers as part of the Radiological Emergency Preparedness program. The program is the Radiological Professional Volunteer Program (RPVP) where volunteers are used to assist with radiological monitoring, and scanning activities for persons at REP reception centers. Discussion was had with local public health regarding working with REP host communities.

Ferreira; CT-DPH will be submitting for a \$320,000 grant for Zika response. At this point the plan is these funds would be held with the State until needed for actual Zika response activities.

Mr. DiSanti reported for the LTC section. Quarterly educational session for LTC-MAP was conducted last week and the Region 3 Steering Committee will be meeting tomorrow (June 2, 2016).

Ms. Dean reported for the Behavioral Health section. Positive review of R-3 ESF-8 Focus Group meetings last week. The CT-DBHRN is assessing how state budget cuts will affect DBHRN; DBHRN leadership are commonly agency leaders as well and agency cuts could affect ability to respond, or what has been lost through personnel changes.

Ms. McCormack reported for the MRC section. Review of CT-DPH material being used to assist with MRC volunteer recruitment. MRC is working with CT-DPH-OPHPR regarding opportunities to participate in the Fatality Management exercise in October. Service can include assisting with registration/sign in to CR-MRC "strike team" deployment to provide first aid for exercise participants. The CR-MRC will be conducting an MRC trailer "party" this month to review and assess condition of equipment and resources currently in trailers at the West Hartford Fire Dept. training grounds. Ms. McCormack attended an introductory session in CT-Region 4, along with Mr. Centrella and Mr. Koscuik, for a Virtual Operations Support Team

(VOST). Region 4 MRC received a MRC Challenge Award and is using grant to establish and train volunteers to participate in the VOST.

Mr. Baldwin reported for CMED/EMS section. NC CMED and Tolland 911 are meeting to review MCI protocols for both centers and how the two centers can integrate services and communications during a larger MCI involving both centers in preparation for the Town of Vernon exercise this October. Mr. Centrella commented on the need for this work given the number of communities in Region 3 that rely on support from Region 4 and disparate call center processes.

Mr. Huleatt reported for Local Public Health section. Regional drills and exercises conducted previously are in final stages of analysis and AAR development. One of the last components in initial regional grant deliverable will be a discussion based exercise looking at the feasibility of a Regional Distribution Site for the receipt and distribution of medical materiel. This facilitated discussion is being held this Friday, June 3, 2016, at the Adams Mill Restaurant in Manchester from 8:15 to 11:30 AM, and is open to all RESF-8 stakeholders.

Local Public Health leaders and planners attended a session put on by CT-DPH, DEEP and the CT Agricultural Experiment Station regarding Zika and mosquito collection/testing processes. Currently the primary mosquito ([*Aedes aegypti*](#)) for Zika is not found in CT, but the secondary mosquito ([*A. albopictus*](#)), found in the South West portion of CT does have the potential to transmit Zika, but it has to bite a person already infected with the virus in order to spread virus.

Mr. Centrella reported for the MMRS section and CREPC. Region completed conduct of TTX for the Farmington Public Schools on reunification plans around a large incident with injuries and fatalities. The expectation is that the AAR will provide a snapshot of common gaps for most school systems in Region 3. R-3 ESF-8 is waiting to hear back from Region 4 on the possibility of working with Region 4 on the VOST initiative.

Mr. Falaguera reported for the hospital section. Nothing new to report on. Concern was raised on the timing of all the exercises scheduled for October to include Fatality Management, Vernon Active Shooter, and the CT-EPPI. Not an easy task planning and the work to put them in the calendars. Mr. Centrella commented that the CT-EPPI may be moved to November of 2016, but he will confirm. **NOTE:** *There is confirmation that the CT-EPPI is being moved from October to November 2016, dates TBD.*

Mr. Centrella, and Mr. Huleatt both reported on RESF-8 Focus Group meetings. RESF-8 will review results of meetings and develop a brief survey tool to assist with final analysis on strategic planning for Regional Healthcare Coalition.

Meeting adjourned 10:45 AM

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