

Minutes
DEMHS Region 3
R-ESF 8
Public Health Sub-Committee Meeting
January 6, 2017
Hartford Health Department, Burgdorf Clinic

Attendees: Jeffrey Catlett, Michael Pepe, Aimee Krauss, Marge Seiferheld, Janine Simms Colon, Mackenzie Centrella, Carmine Centrella, Steve Huleatt, Patrice Sulik, Allyson Schulz, Tung Nguyen, Wendy Mis, Ann Hartman, Len Nelson, Sara Darlagiannis, Charles Motes, Betty Morris, Francine Truglio

- **Welcome.** Meeting commenced at 0936. Introductions were made.
- **Approval of Minutes.** Officially accepted at 0940.
- **Regional Status Updates.** Steve announced that the December meeting was positive overall. DPH is to receive CDC PHEP Cooperative Agreement Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for next funding cycle (BP '18-'22) but the release is unknown, expected January or February, possibly with some changes to either structure or content. The next regional deliverable is due in June which is related to the Ebola full scale exercise to be completed in March 2017.
 - **Training, Drills or Exercises.**
 - **Ebola FSE March 2017.** Full scale exercise is scheduled for March 21, 2017. It is still unclear what will be local public health involvement.
 - Carmine confirmed that Hartford Hospital will be the assessment hospital and the Marlborough Clinic will be involved but there are meetings with OPHPR to discuss the needs for the exercise, (logistics, EMS, ownership-who is responsible for decontamination of emergency vehicles and personnel).
 - **CREPC Update.** The Hon. Richard Serino will be presenting “Leading in Times of Crisis and Change” on January 19, 2017 at the Lincoln Theater of the University of Hartford at 200 Bloomfield Ave, West Hartford, CT 06117 from 9:30am to 12pm.
- **State Updates**
 - **DPH**

- **DEMHS.** No coordinator for this region. Carmine made mention of an exercise in a box opportunity which went out via email to local emergency managers and is a FEMA exercise which looks to concentrate on bio-defense. There was discussion on public health involvement.
- **Local Public Health Preparedness Contract**
 - **Letters of Concurrence.** Steve clarified that these are not necessarily a requirement and are based off each LHD but not letters of support.
- **Other Business-**
 - **Resource Typing updates and workplan.** Mackenzie Centrella discussed the data summary for the resource typing request from each department/district. There were results from 12 local health departments/districts (LHDs) with 154 members. The major components were ICS training and NIMS certifications. The largest roles were in environmental health, epi interview and data; percentages ranging from 60-80% of these personnel with training requirements completed. There was discussion on strike teams and what we have to work with operationally. The FEMA resource requirement is different from the reality of public health capabilities. It was suggested that work groups be established for training and refreshers. Allyson Schulz suggested online video-based training. There is a possibility to incorporate into staff meetings and perform table-top exercises. We can use annual reports from health departments to establish needs for Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) and better update WebEOC.
 - **Regional Plan Updates**
 - **IPHERP.** Discussion postponed due to Melissa's absence.
 - **Concept of Operations for Infectious Diseases.** Ebola Infectious Disease is high impact so the regional role right now is in monitoring.

Meeting adjourned at 1135.

Next meeting February 3, 2017, South Windsor EOC