

DEMHS Region 3
R-ESF 8
Public Health Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2016
West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District- Bloomfield Town Hall

Attendees: Len Nelson, Ken Kellogg, Matt Brattoli, Janine Simms Colon, Marge Seiferheld, Allyson Schulz, Wendy Mis, Jeff Catlett, Francine Truglio, John Degnan, Steve Huleatt, Melissa Marquis

- **Welcome-** Steve Huleatt welcomed the group to Bloomfield. Introductions done.
- **Approval of Minutes-** two changes noted (Bill Kramer to attendee list, and MDA 33 drive thru exercise Oct 22nd not Oct. 2nd), motion to approve by all. Melissa noted that the CRCOG website has been revamped, and thus the meeting minute location has changed, as has the process for posting the minutes. Melissa will share the new link to the location following this meeting.
- **Regional Status Updates-**
 - Training, Drills or Exercises
 - Manchester/Glastonbury Health Dept. hosting drive-thru exercise Oct 22nd. Need volunteers to assist with vaccinators and assistants (medical) and also forms reviewers and logistics (Non-medical). Please let Allyson know if you can participate. CR-MRC activated to support. Could also use evaluators to assist in conducting timing studies. Exercise arrival at 8am (set-up). Clinic 10a-11:30. Located at Smith Middle School in Glastonbury.
 - Conversation surrounding the need to each locally develop a plan for how the health department will plan on completing a FSE MCM dispensing exercise by 2020. Can we develop a plan regionally and split this up in 4 quadrants to support local jurisdictions, so that there could be a fewer exercises per year? Why does DPH require the 2020 date? Where did this date come from?

- CREPC Update-
 - Carmine Centrella not present. However, he is conducting a full-scale school safety exercise in Vernon today.
 - PPHR- Steve recapped the PPHR regional framework development process. CT is being used as the baseline to write the framework for the national regional applications. There will be 4 focus group meetings- 2 hosted by NACCHO and 2 hosted by CT. Several CT planners and directors have been asked to participate on the CT focus groups. The first NACCHO focus group will be held in 2 weeks at the national PPHR in-person review meeting. Steve reminded that CADH is no longer an available workforce to help put plans and the applications together if it comes down to us being able to apply in 2018. Need buy in from each department that staff will be committed. Also need to ensure that all local PH plans are updated and have substantive documentation.
 - Region 3 Full Scale Ebola exercise concept of operations meeting held recently. Initial planning meeting will be scheduled over the next month or so. Will be healthcare coalition focused. FSE scheduled sometime April 2017. Focus more on transport and treatment.
 - Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Strategic Plan- need to reinvigorate this plan. More info to come.
- **State Updates-**
 - DPH- No representation present.
 - Mass Fatality full scale exercise week of Oct. 24th- Family assistance center aspect on Thursday Oct. 27th. Ken Kellogg asked to present on experience from Region 1 regional family assistance center planning process. The weeklong exercise has changed significantly from planning, and will likely be more CT-centric

rather than New York and New Jersey. Melissa described conversation with Jon Basso, Region 3 Red Cross Rep about attending next month ESF-8 PH meeting to discuss family assistance Center planning from a regional perspective. More details will follow.

- DEMHS- No representative present.
- **Local Public Health Preparedness Contract-**
 - Currently in the 2nd year of two-year contract. We are in the end of the 5 year PHEP cooperative grant cycle. Will likely be hearing conversations soon surrounding issuing letters of concurrence. DPH is beginning to bring this up in some forums. Application announcement will be coming from CDC sometime in January. Locally, we may not hear or see draft language until early-mid Spring.
- **Other Business-**
 - PPHR Update-
 - See notes above.
 - NIMS Refresh- John Degan described the newest version of NIMS- terms NIMS refresh. Being reviewed federally and should be released shortly. Looks at difference between ESF and ICS. If resource oriented (EOC operation)- may not have incident commander but rather an ESF-specific liaison. Steve mentioned that this project has been presented on nationally for last year or so. The refresh is based on after action reports of past emergencies. Looking to make this more collaborative in nature.

Next meeting November 4, 2016