

**Minutes**  
**DEMHS Region 3**  
**R-ESF 8**  
**Public Health Sub-Committee Meeting**  
**December 2, 2016**  
**CCHD-Wethersfield Town Hall.**

**Attendees:** Jeff Catlett, Bill Kramer, Marge Seiferheld, Judye Torpey, Patrick Getler, Len Nelson, Allyson Schulz, Sara Darlagiannis, Jon Basso, Ann Hartman, Chuck Motes, Wendy Mis, Aimee Krauss, Patrice Sulik, John Degnan, Charles Brown, Wes Bell, Carmine Centrella and Melissa Marquis

- Welcome
- Approval of Minutes
- Regional Status Updates
  - Training, Drills or Exercises
    - Ebola FSE March 2017- Carmine updated the group on the IPC meeting. Conversation around continuing the scenario of Ebola. Should and will continue with a scenario of blood borne pathogen- similar to Ebola. Hartford Hospital will be playing- will focus on including patients under active monitoring or direct active monitoring. DPH will be playing as well. More information to follow. IPC minutes will follow shortly. Mid term planning meeting in January with final planning in February.
      - South Windsor EOC will be the meeting location- and will be the RCC location as a trial basis.
      - LHD will have some additional short-term play in the days leading up to the exercise.
      - Will also be having some workshops to socialize concept of operations documents with LHD prior to

the exercise. Also will be exploring the use of VEOCI prior to the FSE.

- CREPC Update- New CREPC chair- Dave Koscuk. Vice chairs Dustin Rendock and Jamie DiPace. Dave will continue as ESF-8 chair. January 19<sup>th</sup> (location tbd) CREPC meeting- guest speaker from Boston EMS. Now works for Harvard School of Public Health. Mark your calendars to attend session on leadership in crisis.
- National Healthcare coalition conference to be held in December in Washington DC. Carmine and Patrick Turek will be representing CT.
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 9-1pm- Windsor/S. Windsor activating LDS, receiving pallets and packaging order for POD, delivering and transporting to S. Windsor- no dispensing. Looking for evaluators. Good opportunity for regional training for other LHD staff. Notify Allyson if interested.
- State Updates
  - DPH
  - DEMHS- no new updates on refilling Tom Gavaghan's position. Regional coordinator position being shared within the other regions.
- Local Public Health Preparedness Contract- Charlie asked about what the process will be for the region to take regarding the DPH memo for LHDs to submit a letter of concurrence. Charlie will reach out to Steve to determine the process forward.
- Other Business-
  - Melissa and Len reported out on the DPH Mass Dispensing workgroup that was convened. There will be new changes coming, including the use of Dispense Assist throughout the state. There are also conversations ongoing around the ability to waive restrictions on dispensing and possibly allowing nurses to dispense. Nothing has been formalized at this point, but just an update as to some of the work being done.

- Resource Typing updates and workplan- Carmine talked about VEOCI and where and how resource inventory can be tied in. VEOCI program is available within the region and can be made available to LHDs to use. Who is ultimately responsible for paying? Depends on the usage. If daily use, then the LHD.
  - Melissa suggested that this is a good opportunity for use locally and regionally to take some time to update our own local health dept inventory/typing of staff. Please complete the inventory form and submit tot Melissa by Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, and Carmine's intern will combine all the forms into a single regional form. We will then work together to simplify the process and how it can ultimately be used within VEOCI.
- PPHR Focus Group and Workgroup updates- Melissa provided updates from the first and second focus group meetings and the progress on the development of a new regional framework for PPHR.

*Next meeting January 6, 2017 hosted by Hartford Health Dept.*