

Region 3 ESF-8 Sign-in

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Region 3 ESF-8 Meeting

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Minutes

- **Welcome and introductions:**
 - Steve Huleatt opened the meeting for Dave Koscuk.
- **Report outs:**
 - **Public Health-** Melissa Marquis reported on current project updates for the public health group to include the updating of local and regional resource typing, as well as regional public health emergency response plan (PHERP). Monthly meeting this Friday 1/6/17. Project Public Health Ready Regional framework workgroup working on developing a product to be presented on at the Preparedness Summit in April. Melissa and Greg Chiara are co-chairs for this workgroup, and will continue to share updates on the project as appropriate.
 - **Long-term care-** no activations in last quarter in Region 3.
 - **EMS-** No report
 - **Hospitals-** Approximately 1 month ago, Bob Falaguerra received quote for the hospital mutual aid plan (HMAP). To date, no hospital has signed up within the Region. Russell Phillips is cancelling HMAP in Region 3 unless hospitals renew. Cost is proportional to hospital bed size. ECHN reported there was staff turnover resulting in a delay. Carmine Centrella stated the region has in the past been able to support some of these types of projects, however with decrease in funding the hospitals need to make this a priority to fund themselves. This is a superior product to WebEOC. ESF-8 leadership and hospital group will meet to discuss how the region might be able to support this to ensure there is no lapse in service. Estimated cost per hospital is \$530 year 1 and \$560 year 2. Bob will send the email to hospitals for sign-off. Jim Paturas stated the other regions don't know about this. From a statewide perspective, how does this tool talk with other tools in place?
 - Carmine discussed how important it is to ensure leadership engagement from within the hospitals to support the healthcare coalition.
 - Melissa asked who is best point of contact from either DPH or hospitals in region 3 to report current bed staffing and morgue capacity including surge. DPH suggested contacting Bill Gerrish for updated information. There was additional conversation about how to best categorize surge in hospitals. Surge includes more than just bed capacity, but staffing, equipment, space, and resources. Carmine stated that ASPR has a handbook on system surge/capacity. During the HMAP process every hospital was surveyed for space and equipment from a regional level. Another good idea is to have each local health preparedness coordinator to engage with hospital emergency management as well as bed management to work on this information.
 - Patrick Turek discussed the rollout of the Plan language codes in hospitals.

- Feb 14th, Hartford Healthcare hosting a discovery summit with emergency management and healthcare leadership to discuss roles, responsibilities, and upcoming topics. ESF-8 partners are invited, but space is limited. Contact Patrick if interested. Hartford Healthcare system is also raising awareness of ISIS and lone-wolf attacks on hospital systems.
- **Behavioral health-** Dec. 14th and 15th recruitment orientation for new DBHRN team members in the Capitol region. 15 individuals attended.
- **MMRS-** no report
- **Community health centers-** no report
- **MRC-** Scot Haney invited guest at the December meeting and participated in a weather exercise scenario. Monthly meeting this evening, virtual operations support team will be topic of discussion. Seeking formal order for the Governor's Footguard to support logistical operations for MRC.
- **CREPC-** January 19th, Rich Serino will be discussing leadership in times of crisis at the quarterly CREPC meeting. Registration currently over 220 individuals. Will be located at the Lincoln Theatre. Registration required- contact Carmine if interested.
- **DEMHS-** Bob Kenney reported that Dep. Commissioner Shea will be retiring.
- **DPH-** Sandra reported waiting on CDC funding opportunity announcement and guidance to be released soon. Have held meetings with regional ESF-8 chairs to discuss letters of concurrence. HPP capabilities were reduced to 4 capabilities. DPH working to ensure contracts will align.
 - PHEP Ebola money expires June 30, 2017. HPP preparedness Ebola funding doesn't expire until 2020.
 - EPI- Flu activity increasing throughout the state. Mostly Type A, H3N2 and H1N1. Vaccine providing good coverage thus far.
 - A Novel Feline flu broke out in NYC at a shelter. CDC tracking illnesses, however there has been 1 human illness.
- **Other business-** None.