

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee  
RESF-8 Health and Medical  
*March 1, 2017*  
Regional Coordination Center  
Manchester, Connecticut

David Koscuk opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes of February 1, 2017 had been distributed in advance of the meeting.

Those present introduced themselves. (See list of attendees, Page 3-4)

**Ms. McCormack reported on the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC):** There is a new logistics leader for the group. The expectations of future MRC activities is expanding. The six MRC groups in Connecticut have applied for challenge funding awards.

**Robert Falaguerra reported on Hospitals:** All Hospital Mutual Aid Planning (HMAP) contracts have now been received. A meeting was held 2 weeks earlier with Department of Public Health representative William Gerrish to define the Hospital Preparedness grant deliverables for the next 5 years. The federal budget is an issue - funding will be minimal if not cut altogether.

**Mr. Centrella reported on the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS):** Work is continuing on national strategies for funding future regional MMRS programs. This evening, a leadership module will be presented on situational awareness.

**Mr. DeSanti reported on Long Term Care - Mutual Aid Planning (LTC-MAP):** There have been no activations since those reported last month. The Statewide Advisory Committee recently held their meeting. A proposal was presented to the State Department of Public Health to approve payment for transfers of patients from distressed facilities. The State will review this and inform the group if it is approved.

**Ms. Ferreira gave the report for the Department of Public Health:** A "Funding Opportunities Announcement (FOA)" has been received. Future federal funding is moving toward the development of health care coalitions. Currently, membership in health care coalitions is voluntary. To organize a coordinated effort, each group's hazard vulnerability analysis (HVA) (if one exists) has to be updated and brought forward to merge with others to develop a regional consolidation. From this, a consolidated plan can be developed. Much of the individual effort has been done but on a fragmented basis. Letters of concurrence for this initiative are due at DPH from all participants by March 24. A regional meeting on March 29 is scheduled for community health centers, hospitals and EMS to discuss accomplishments and challenges to meet the new requirements.

**Ms. Dean, reporting on Behavioral Health** announced an all day training session will be held at Storrs. The goal is to train new personnel and provide retraining for those previously trained.

**During the general discussion,** the Connecticut Virtual Operations Support Team (CTVOST) was explained. This program started in Canada and in Europe. It can be initiated from any location during an event. Social media is reviewed and relevant information is summarized. Trends and issues are charted. This information is then communicated to command or coordination centers to give prompt and informed updates

on the situation. Regions 3 and 4 are collaborating on the training for this project. Currently, 12 additional volunteers are waiting for this training. Mr. Janelle announced a 2 day training session during the first week of May. The class schedule is being developed.

The DEMHS regional director's position remains vacant.

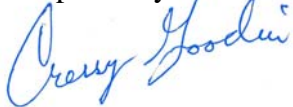
The Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC) is returning its program focus to activity relating to the original Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) plus several new and consolidate ESFs in the region.

A demonstration followed of the newly developed Virtual Emergency Operation Center - Internet (VEOCI). This system has been under development by a private group in coordination with CREPC. It captures information by text, e-mail and voice, it sorts, files and efficiency displays relevant information at and between command or coordination centers. It replaces the use of paper forms and memos during an event, and is more effective and comprehensive for communicating information than using WebEOC. This new VEOCI will be used and evaluated during the upcoming ebola exercise. It was noted, however, this use is not required. Those already trained in WebEOC may elect to stay with that more traditional system,

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,



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