

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee
RESF-8 Health and Medical
April 5, 2017
Regional Coordination Center
Manchester, Connecticut

Carmine Centrella opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes of March 1, 2017 had been distributed in advance of the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes for filing.

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

The opening discussion concerned funding for future public health grants: Federal CDC funding for future public health grants will be focused on establishing a health care coalition for each of the five CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS). The federal guidelines providing a summary of these grant requirements is 120 pages. The first year budget will be to develop the organizational structure for each region. Funding available for this first year is \$1.1 million. The Connecticut Department of Health (CT DPH) in administrating the grant funds is now seeking to identify a single fiduciary agent in each region to be responsible for managing the program funds. The Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC) based in the Capitol Region Council of Government (CRCOG) had spend some time reviewing this proposal and had written an early e-mail suggesting they were not interested in serving in this role. However, during the meeting additional information was offered that suggested this decision might be revisited. April 24 is the deadline to identify this fiduciary agent. The regional ESF-8 groups will be the focal points to develop the regional health care coalitions. It was estimated that 85 percent of the required work to be accomplished has already taken place within our DEMHS Region 3. During the discussion, it was noted that hospitals will play a central role in developing a regional coalition. Future fiscal realities are facing the hospitals causing them to consolidate services. This could be motivation for hospitals to take an active lead in coordinating services on a regional basis.

Mr. Mozzer reported on a state wide multi-year training and exercise plan: CT DPH has submitted the state's Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan (MYTEP) for the upcoming 2017-2022 grant cycle. CT DPH has identified six program priority areas that the five-year MYTEP will focus on: Information Sharing, Resource Management and Sharing, Managing Medical Surge, Ensuring the Continuity of Delivering Medical Services, Coordinating Medical Response and Medical Countermeasures. CT DPH will include local and regional exercises that address any of the six priority areas in the MYTEP program. CT DPH will convene a Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) at the end of May to review the MYTEP and complete the exercise calendar for Budget Period 1 (July 2017-June 2018). Now that the MYTEP has been submitted as part of the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement application, CT DPH will share the MYTEP with its regional partners.

Ms. Marquis reported on local health department activity: The next monthly meeting will be held on Friday. The Ebola exercise will soon be debriefed. A discussion will begin on resource typing. The Public Health Ready program is moving forward.

A discussion was held on recent developments within Hartford Healthcare: Hartford Healthcare now includes several local hospitals including Windham, Midstate, Backus and Hartford Hospital. The emergency managers of each hospitals have been meeting and a decision has been reached to establish greater integration and consistent activities among all facilities.

A report on EMS was given: In February, during a snowstorm, a major fire occurred in New Britain, and it has been noted there have been an increasing number of incidents involving large numbers of people involved. There is a continuing problem of late requests for ambulances to the scene resulting in delays for lifesaving care to be available. The decision has been reached to request early a larger number of responders to the scene of a major event. Then, when necessary, those resources not required can be turned back. Also, the mass casualty protocols have been revised and are now being distributed. The group has identified the need to revisit the protocols for Forward Movement of Patients. Finally, the position of Region 3 EMS Coordinator has been posted.


Ms. Dean, reporting on Behavioral Health stated changes in the state organization of mental health. Services provided by two state run facilities in Torrington and Danbury are being transferred to private facilities. The state response team for on-site mental health support will lose up to 40 knowledgeable people by this action in Region 5.

During the general discussion, the Connecticut Virtual Operations Support Team (CTVOST) participated in the recent exercise. Five people had been trained, and the resulting information flow during the exercise was demonstrably more effective. In addition, the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board is revising the guidelines for mass gatherings. The MMRS counter-measures cache has recalled items that are being replaced. There are now 2 certified instructors in the Capitol Region to address the issues around an event with an active shooter. This includes the new approved protocol of Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate (ALICE). The three legs for a response to an assailant are a proactive intervention, stop any active bleeding immediately, and tactical use of EMS personnel on initial response.

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,



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