

Region 3 ESF-8 Local Public Health Sub-committee Meeting

September 9th 2016

Attendees: Jeff Catlett, Patrick Getler, Charles Brown, Marge Seiferheld, Steve Huleatt, Janine Simms Colon, Ann Hartman, Michael Pepe, Allyson Schulz, Judy Torpey, Chuck Motes, Jennifer Kertanis, John Degnan, Janet Leonardi, Patrice Sulik, Carmine Centrella, Bill Kramer & Melissa Marquis

- Meeting brought to order at 09:30. Steve Huleatt welcomed everyone to the September 2016 Meeting.
- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes motioned by Chuck Motes and seconded by Allyson Shultz.
 - Corrections needed to previous minutes (Judy and Janine's spelling)
 - Minutes for August 2016 Meeting Approved
- **Regional Status Update:**
 - Training, Drills, or Exercises:
 - Regional leads invited to FEMA/HHS Region 1 Medical Countermeasure (MCM) / Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Conference. Steve attended on behalf of Region 3.
 - Mass Fatality Tri-State Exercise: Suggested that all Local Health Departments send at least one representative to the event. Especially day 3 for the Family Assistance Center training, to get credit for the State contract deliverable for a regional family assistance center.
 - Recall of July meeting and Region 3 discussion of Regional Family Assistance Center and decided that Local Public Health Role will be similar to Shelter Operations. Proposed that additional discussion take place at future meetings and also invite Red Cross Representative to learn what ESF-6 is doing and combine planning efforts. Melissa Marquis has invited the new ARC Region 3 representative (Jon Basso) to attend our ESF-8 PH meetings.
 - Windsor/S. Windsor (MDA #31) is planning an exercise for local distribution site (LDS) delivery to Point of Dispensing (POD) Site, test LDS / POD Security Plan.
 - Glastonbury is planning on hosting a Drive-thru Flu Clinic on Saturday October 22nd 2016 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM and would welcome regional support.
 - John Degnan discussed Eastern Highlands Health District's Open POD Full Scale Exercise. Learned lessons on through-put and importantly that registered nurses experiences are not the same across the board. Eastern Highlands will be working towards a new model that isn't volunteer dependent. Steve Huleatt noted that at the Region 1 SNS Conference it was noted that the current model is unrealistic and that it is understood that it is not feasible for a jurisdiction to

run all of its POD Sites at the same time. Also discussed fatigue on Dispensing volunteers.

- CDC is releasing a new Online Technical Resource and Assistance Center (On-Trac) Portal. The On-TRAC portal will be launched as a secure site on CDC's [JOIN webpage](#), featuring resources, technical assistance, and peer-to-peer collaboration opportunities for state and local health departments. Will provide a forum for MCM / SNS Best Practices and allow users to post questions. Will go live possibly in September 2016. NACCHO hosting webinar on Oct. 12th from 1-2pm: <http://nacchopreparedness.org/event/cdc-second-wednesday-webinar-on-trac-portal-demonstration/>
- CPEPC Update:
 - Ebola Full Scale Exercise Planning to start and the exercise is planned for April 2017. More information will be distributed in the near future.
 - Health-Care Coalition Planning Group meeting to develop Strategic Plan.
 - Vernon Rockville High School Active Shooter / Hostile Action Full Scale Exercise on October 7th 2016. First Exercise in state that involves multiple SWAT Teams, Bomb Squads, Tactical Medics, Local PD, EMS, Fire, and other community stakeholders.
- State Updates:
 - DPH- no representative present: Confirmed that PHEP Ebola Grant money must be spent by 2017. Hospital voluntary inspection on Ebola some issues being discovered. Yale New Haven is evaluating the Hospitals on behalf of the CT DPH.
 - DEMHS: No Representative Present, but Carmine Centrella did note that Statewide EPPI Exercise has been moved to November due to multiple exercises in September in October. Also K-12 School Safety Committee meeting regularly and Carmine offered to bring up any Local Health Department questions or concerns at this meeting.
- Local Public Health Preparedness Contract:
 - Local Contracts will be delivered in November – December 2016. Local Health Departments are welcome to request regional assistance in any planning efforts that are a part of their individual contracts. Discussion took place about Local Public Health's role in Recovery Phase of Disaster Cycle.
 - Technical Assistance Conference Calls are being held between DPH and Local Health Departments for MCM Operational Readiness Review (ORR).
- Other Business:
 - Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) Update-

- Melissa and Steve updated the group on DPH and NACCHO progress regarding allowance of Regional applications to be submitted. Ad hoc workgroup to be established through NACCHO, with strong representation from CT (Greg Chiaraco-chair, Melissa Marquis- NACCHO Preparedness, Planning, Outcomes and Measurement workgroup chair [oversees PPHR], Steve Huleatt, Jennifer Kertanis and Aimee Eberly). Focus group meetings will be convened to discuss options for regional applications. The focus groups will discuss some of the following topics:
 - Need for stronger education for applicants and reviewers versus developing new regional application or modifying existing applications.
- Also reminded the group to make sure that each LHD is reviewing their existing public health emergency response plans and documenting any significant changes on the record of revisions pages (this is required for re-recognition applicants).
- School Based Vaccination Clinic issues discussed. Proposal for Regional Cooperation between Local Public Health Departments and possibly to develop regional strike team.
- Question brought up about Regional Public Health role in opioid crisis. Discussion from local towns to some Local Public Health Departments about prevention. No uniform preventive action in place at this time and local health departments are trying to figure out their role and what actions they need to take in the immediate future. Questions asked about current leadership role and issue that no action is taking place following a community forum. Litchfield County Opioid Task Force used as an example of type of actions that can be taken within communities. Patrice Sulik Health Director discussed Enfield's Opioid Task Force.
- Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 AM

Next Meeting will be held on October 7th 2016, hosted by West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District. Location to be determined.