

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee  
RESF-8 Health and Medical – *Hospital Section*  
May 7, 2014  
Regional Coordination Center  
Manchester, Connecticut

**Present:** *See attached attendance list (page 2)*

The group convened at 11:28 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed.

**CMED:**

Betty Morris briefed the group on a growing problem within the North Central CMED system. Field EMS units reach the CMED board by radio. Communications between the board and the hospitals is by telephone lines. These lines go back to when the CMED was moved in 1992 to its present location. These telephone lines are copper wires, and as problems occur, AT&T technical support is not responsive to make corrections. Currently, this process has not happened very often, but if left unmitigated, more and more hospitals will lose communications with EMS units through CMED. A general discussion took place to identify the problem and develop alternative strategies. Betty agreed to contact the telecom official at each hospital to request a name of a person to serve on a steering committee to develop a resolution. Also, CMED representative now meet monthly with Jonathan Best from DPH Public Health Preparedness, and Betty will raise this issue before this group.

**Governor's Emergency Preparedness Exercise:**

A general discussion was held on hospital participation in the next statewide exercise to be held in June. It is expected that most Region 3 hospitals will participate.

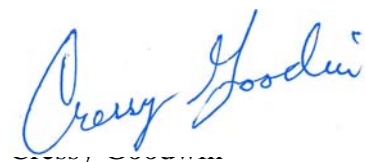
**General discussion:**

It was announced that statewide meetings of the chairs of the regional ESF-8 groups has resumed monthly meetings. These meetings had been suspended for a period of time.

A Public Health Advisory Group has been formed and will meet quarterly.

Currently, there are 2 hospital Centers of Excellence - Hartford Hospital and Yale New Haven Hospital. Because of reduced funding, a decision is now being made by the commissioner of DPH on designating and funding for one or both hospital Center(s) of Excellence. The decision will be made as part of the grant application being submitted. This is for year 3 of a 5 year cycle of funding.

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.



Recorder

ATTENDANCE:  
**CREPC ESF-8 HOSPITAL SECTION Meeting**  
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