

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee
RESF-8 Health and Medical – **Hospital Section**

June 3, 2015

Regional Coordination Center
Manchester, Connecticut

Members Present: **See attached attendance list**, page 2

Robert Falaguerra opened the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

At a recent meeting of hospital officials at the Connecticut Hospital Association, several concerns were summarized. One of these, not listed was a priority, was the standardization of internal hospital codes used to announce different types of emergency situations. It appeared this issue surfaced when physicians and other staff worked at different hospitals and became confused at the inconsistent communication alerts.

It also appears that one person at one hospital was beginning to work developing such a standardized listing. This has not yet been confirmed.

Discussion took place questioning the need for such standardization, and if it is to be done, assigning it to a coordinating group rather than have one hospital carry out the planning.

The following was identified:

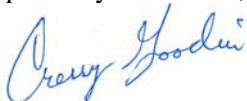
- It might be the staff facing this issue is working at different hospitals subordinate to a parent corporation. If so, that corporation could legitimately decide to make a uniform policy within its own group.
- There is no consensus this problem exists among all hospitals in the region or state.
- If this is a wide-spread problem, consideration must be given to barriers to creating a common set of hospital codes: written plans would have to be reprinted, any posters and wallet cards republished and distributed, and training would be required. All encumber costs. In addition, people resist change, creating resistance to implementation.

It was concluded that more information is needed. Mr. Falaguerra will attend the next meeting of the five regional ESF-8 chairmen and explore this issue. If there is a statewide concern, or it is later learned others in the region share a need for this, he will report back. Should planning be required, this should be done at the regional or state level.

A general conversation was then held on the current status of Everbridge and on WebEOC.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cressy Goodwin
Recorder

ATTENDANCE

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NAME	HOSPITAL
Paul Felogun	SFHMC
Kevin McGinty	MIDDLESEX
BETH Massey	Hosp. for Special Care
Brenda Stratton	UConn
Debra Abramowitz	UConn Health - John Dempsey Hospital
Rick Lehmer	Bristol Hospital
DAVE Kosak	ESF8
Paul Wentworth	Johnson Memorial
Craig Segmaier	Hosp of Central Ct.