

Minutes

DEMHS Region 3

R-ESF 8

Public Health Sub-Committee Meeting

April 1, 2016

Glastonbury Health Department

Attendees: Wendy Mis, Jeffrey Catlett, Bill Kramer, Carmine Centrella, Judye Torpey, Len Nelson, Betty Morris, Steve Huleatt, Shane Lockwood, Chuck Motes, Allyson Schulz, Mike Caplett (DEMHS), Heather Oatis, Francine Truglio, Michael Pepe, Patrick Getler, Marge Seiferheld, Janet Leonardi, Tung Nguyen, & Melissa Marquis

S Huleatt passed around a binder with information about Region 3 Ebola functional exercise. Document is available in Word. If you want it, contact C Centrella.

Welcome: Meeting began at 9:33am. Introductions included Mike Caplet, Region 4 coordinator.

Approval of Minutes: B Kramer motioned to approve and P Getler seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes will be posted to the CRCOG website for housing.

Training, Drills or Exercises:

Statewide Dispensing FSE:

- There is no region 3 POD for DPH to evaluate. Local health dept contracts don't require us to do a Full Scale Exercise.
- J Degnan has informed M Marquis that Region 3 players are welcome to participate at EHHD Region 4 exercise. EHHD is looking for about 40 active throughput volunteers. Drill will run 7:45 am to 12 noon. If you want to get credit for participating, you need to submit appropriate paperwork to DPH prior to drill.
- DPH is delivering to furthest MDA first, and tracking truck location on WEBEOC via state police.
- In a real event, it takes about 12 hours average in CT to receive materiel from CDC, then 12 hours for CT to get shipments to local health.
- DPH staff will be labeling all 2,000 tic-tac boxes for the drill.

Local Health Department participation-

- BBHD- doing drive through clinic at Burlington Town Hall & closed pod at ESPN. This will be the 2nd drive through POD BBHD has done.
- EHHD- trying to build in testing of 3 different documentation techniques. Also looking to demonstrate efficiencies with Dispense Assist.
 - DPH tool- online pre complete
 - DPH tool- online complete at POD
 - Dispense Assist
- Chatham- using Dispense Assist to some level. Testing and using IMATS and security form.
- Glastonbury - using Dispense Assist to some level. Testing and using IMATS and security form.

- Manchester - using Dispense Assist to some level. Testing and using IMATS and security form.
- NCDHD- using Dispense Assist to some level.
- WHBHD is using alternate site to receive materiel. Using loading dock in Bloomfield with police coverage.

S Huleatt will send out the DPH reports to legislature regarding preparedness activities from grant funding.

Regional Ebola Functional Exercise- recap/debrief: Scenario: physician came back & got ill in NY State. Went to hospital with presumptive Ebola Virus Disease (EVD). Bloomfield colleague to infected doc called WHBHD, claimed EVD symptoms. College kids/roommates at a party were potentially exposed; had working ties at hospital in NCDHD; family of potentially infected were exposed.

Hot wash – revealed 2 parallel story lines of infection.

- Notionally, U. of Hartford student lived in Enfield, UHa called NCDHD, who was unaware UHa was participating.
- WHBHD activated EVD request for ambulance.
- Lots of lessons about communications between agencies.
- AAR will capture lots of details
- CT DPH hasn't shared their EVD Operational Plans with ESF regions.
- Veoci (Virtual EOC web system) was used for the 1st time – maybe should have been used more
- 4/27 – deadline to get END info feedback to Carmine

Reminder- as a LHD- if you get a presumptive EVD patient:

- call DPH Epi
- DPH Office of Preparedness and Response will arrange for ambulance
- LHD should notify PSAP of address with Person of Interest – if PSAP gets a call from the patient/address, they should call LHD
- All CT hospitals are assessment hospitals. Hartford, Bridgeport & Yale New Haven are treatments hospitals.
- The LHD Public Info Officer needs to maintain confidentiality of cases when developing information to go out to public.

Regional RDS Facilitated Discussion: No update. Question may arise as to whether there needs to be 14 RDSs or 14+ PODs. Needs to be done by end of May.

CREPC updates:

Region 3 Healthcare Coalition: EVD 5 year grant – structurally within requirements from what we learned from EVD exercise.

MMRS funding questions:

- C Centrella will be holding 2 table top exercises with schools. Vernon will hold a full scale exercise in October; active shooters with improvised explosives.
- MMRS funding was requested from State Homeland Security Workgroup.
- Funding has been potentially removed for MMRS cache. We may need to speak as a group for CREPC to re-fund.

State Updates:

DPH: No report.

DEMHS: M Caplet reported:

- April is often considered terrorist heaven- the month with anniversaries of lots of attacks and terrorist events.
- T Gavaghan retired yesterday. Other regional coordinators will rotate to attend regional meetings. Use Region 3 pager number to request DEMHS assistance; leave phone number or a voice mail.
- Lots of turnover at DEMHS, including Mary Rose Duberek, Bill Tessier, Tom Gavaghan, Trainer, Planner, Radiological person, etc.
- CCM conference 4/28, agenda is online. M Caplet will present on upgraded boards for Web EOC.
- Local EOP process – reorganizing template via committee with DEMHS planners & regular leads. Will be discussed at CT Conference of Municipalities (CCM) conference. Template includes best practice ideas with statute references.
- Emergency Management Performance Grant – closing out old grant years. Have until June to submit for additional reimbursement.
- Millstone Emergency Planning – there will be a FEMA evaluated exercise this August
- Training – go to DEMHS website
 - ICS 300, 4/19 – 4/ 21, Norwich
 - FBI and Bomb Squads from NYC and CT will have chemical industry outreach day in Preston May 18. Event will be complete with explosions. Good for private industry & first responders- free training
 - EPPI –proposed October 15 & 19th (Saturday/Tuesday)

Local Public Health Preparedness Grant: Most LHDs have received some BT money. Regarding concurrence- only full CREPC can give concurrence for ESF8 money. D Kosciuk can't sign a letter for concurrence on behalf of LHDs.

Other Business:

- DPH submitted accreditation documentation yesterday.
- CT Budget cut of \$220 million didn't affect DPH too badly.
- Regarding potential funding cut for PHEP: "Full Funding" for BT-
 - CDC – taking \$50 million PHEP money to go to Zika,
 - CT could anticipate about \$500,000 for ZIKA; 40% local, 60% CT State
 - Anticipate about \$200,000 cut to local
- Funding to LHD from DPH- 1-7% cut anticipated
 - 1% cut – state may absorb all
 - Higher % cut = loss to locals
- CT Ag. Center – 1 day Zika conference coming
- PPHR – CT's State applications may not be accepted for re-recognition. Maybe we should apply individually with 17 LHD's.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am. Next meeting – 5/6 – let Melissa know if you want to host.