

Minutes

DEMHS Region 3

R-ESF 8

Public Health Sub-Committee Meeting

January 8, 2016

Attendees: Jeffrey Catlett, Dave Koscuk, Tom Gavaghan, Marge Seifferheld, Bill Kramer, Charles Motes, Don Mitchell, Aimee Eberly, Leonard Nelson, Michael Pepe, Rob Miller, Michael Caronna, Heather Oatis, Wendy Mis, Carmine Centrella, Tung Nguyen, Francine Truglio, Sergio Lupo, Sal Nesci, Allyson Schulz, Bruce Lockwood, Janet Leonardo, Steve Huleatt, Judy Torpey, Melissa Marquis

Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2015:

Motion to approve: Judy Torpey. Seconded by: Mike Pepe

Introductions: Round robin.

Regional Status:

- Ebola/Infectious Diseases: Carmine Centrella reviewed recent Ebola AAR conference and improvement planning meeting that was held in December. Initial planning for Ebola Regional exercise underway. Will address capabilities and objectives similar to IAP of 2014-15 actual event. VEOCI (Virtual EOC website) will be used to monitor activities. Initial Planning Conference held on 12/11/15 – midterm meeting to discuss objectives and scenario to be held 1/14/16. Will be an operations-based exercise. Potential local role with Region discussed. Hartford Hospital committed to participate.
- Small working group developing regional facilitated training on a RDS (Regional Distribution Site) to analyze pros and cons. Planning to meet in February or March. More info to come.
- Revised Ebola monitoring etc. CDC Guidance regarding Active and Direct Active monitoring has been updated- Do not recommend monitoring any travelers, however travelers told to contact local/state health department if symptoms develop.

Health Care Coalition: Dave reported that not much happening.

MMRS: Carmine – Successful National Healthcare Coalition Conference in San Diego. Several people from CT attended and presented.

Carmine also reviewed the regional funding streams for the next few years regarding Ebola/infectious disease planning and response.

Anticipate flat funding for 2 years. Several agencies have not received local contracts or money for this year yet.

Melissa summarized Scott Szalkiewicz's comments at Region 3 ESF 8 meeting Wednesday that there may potentially be an audit by CDC due to concerns that ORR review scores are being inflated by DPH. Not sure what this means for us at this point. Current plan is to continue having ORR reviews conducted once every 2 years- unless otherwise indicated by CDC or DPH.

DEMHS Tom Gavaghan

Elections: Meeting with all newly elected officials and interim town staff.

Region 3 lost Mary Rose Duberek who transferred to UCONN.

Other Business:

Statewide Dispensing FSE- LHD initial planning conference notes

- BBHD offered to be the "regional" POD and closed POD. However the open POD cannot be opened during the week- only on Sat. This poses an issue in terms of overtime and having LHDs participate in a drill during non-business hours. BBHD sat pod open 8 hours.
- BBHD also considering to open a drive thru in Burlington during the week, as well as ESPN closed POD during the week.
- Discussed using first responder prophy template as option for local play.
- Regional type response:
 - Test communications plan
 - Activate regional call down
 - Resource typing
 - Deployment of resources, tracking, training, debriefing, recovery, etc
- Needs:
 - Determine who is playing locally first... before we can commit to playing regionally.
 - BBHD will get back to Steve/I by next week re: exercise details/timelines/and needs
 - Locally- LHD to determine local play requirements and look at resource typing.

NEXT MEETING: February 5, 2016 9:30 am - New Britain hosting.