

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee
RESF-8 Health and Medical – *Hospital Section*
February 1, 2012
East Hartford Public Safety Complex
East Hartford, Connecticut

Present: See attached attendance list (page 3)

Chairman Mr. Falaguerra convened the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Hospital Mutual Aid Plan (HMAP):

Mr. Falaguerra had reported on the HMAP project at the RESF-8 meeting earlier today. He repeated the information shared: The regional Hospital Mutual Aid Plan (HMAP) project has begun. All but one hospital in the region is participating, and a detailed inventory of resources at each participating facility is currently underway. This phase of the project should be finished by the end of the month. From that point, planning, protocols and procedures will be developed to allow direct communication between the participating hospitals. This will allow sharing of resources, transferring patients, and maintaining a single system of coordinated recordkeeping. Agreement will then be authorized for designating a single coordination center to be activated during an emergency. It is the intent of DPH to replicate this process in the remaining 4 DEMHS regions to create a formal statewide network for hospital mutual aid. Massachusetts has a similar network already in place. Connecticut will then be integrated into a multi-state system. Several related issues were discussed about this major project.

Plans are being made for a regional hospital functional exercise to be held in the fall before Thanksgiving, with efforts being made to incorporate the completed HMAP program into a CREPC regional exercise afterward. It was suggested the long term care facilities should be included in a future regional exercise. Mr. Falaguerra agreed to follow up with that group to explore joint planning.

Everbridge:

Plans are being made at some hospitals to expand their call up lists to include all departments. Information was shared about the varying levels of notification at different hospitals.

DPH Survey of hospital decontamination capabilities:

A recent request has been made by DPH to list details of hospital decontamination capabilities. This was discussed. It was agreed to spend the time to honestly respond to this survey.

WebEOC:

Mr. Best identified continuing work to develop separate screens to assist hospitals in managing their emergency operations centers. He noted that many hospitals are using WebEOC on a routine basis, even without these screens, to maintain their skills. At the March hospitals section meeting a presentation will be given by DPH about the development of these screens. It was anticipated that members will be able to participate in a hands-on practice entering information and data. Discussion will also be held to plan for later testing and practice by having hospitals using WebEOC at their locations, or by having the committee communicate as a group to a remote location. It was recognized that DPH is a regulatory agency and its role in emergency operations is not its primary function.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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