

DEMHS Region 3 ESF-8 PH Meeting

May 1, 2009

Attendees:

Melissa welcomed the group to Enfield- NCDHD. Introductions done around the room.

Motion to approve minutes made by- Mary, second by- Judy , all in favor.

- Training and exercise workgroup update:
 - TEP updated- survey went out to poll LHDs on RED plan training.
 - Resource status drills being worked on
 - Can we do drill prior to Autumn Storm in July? (add Janet Leonardi as contact)
 - ICS training coming up to close gaps
 - Can we use DPH's mobile computer lab to help facilitate these trainings online?
 - Alternative option- using school computer lab
- Communications workgroup-
 - RCC plan being worked on. Will share with group soon.
- ESF-8 Workgroups-
 - Volunteer- short survey sent to ESF- chairs on # of volunteers they each would need in an emergency. Numbers are in the hundreds.
 - Alternate Care planning- hospital dominated- charged to come up with regional plan for activation of ACS. Tasked to identify with 1 ACS per hospital. Draft regional ACS plan- trigger points, capabilities, etc. discussed. Took CA plan and modified to fit regional needs. Unsure of what to do with it now. Will need to vet document to group soon for comments and review. Major issues- who does this impact region, and issue of who has authority over ACS?
 - Patient Tracking System Development- John provided update- EMS and CMED sections taking lead on this workgroup. Lots of work being done. CMED- controlling transportation piece during large incident. Focusing on FMOP and MCI plans. 3 subgroups working on this workgroup meeting weekly.
 - RESF-8 Exercise 2009- charged with making sure that the ESF-8 needs and interests are addressed adequately. IPC for the Autumn Storm exercise on April 29th.

- Drills and Exercise update-
 - Carmine- Autumn Storm TTX on April 28th. Thanks to those who could participate. CEO brief provided- 100 people showed up (10 RSVP'd). Controller and eval debrief- very pleased- a good AAR should come out of this.
 - Mon. May 4th & Tues. May 5th- CRI POD drill. Demers starting setup at 7:30am on Monday. Hartford will move POD equipment to POD site and stand up stations. JITT will be done for HHS and MRC volunteers. Tuesday- show and tell. CEOs and media will be there at 10, 11:30 will be for public health, 1:30 will be community wide.
 - July 15th - Autumn Storm functional exercise. IPC held this week. Scenario will be developed further. Waiting to see if H1N1 will fulfill contract deliverables- as it stands now, it looks like it will satisfy contract deliverables for the hospitals. What is role of regional LHDs?- Whatever you want according to Carmine. If there is a component that can be exercised within this is ok. i.e.) Resource sharing- LHDs can do a call down drill. Look at capabilities you want exercised, then identify what PH wants to do. Mike thought that communicating within the region would be a great thing to look at and exercise. Lines of communication are better with the state than with the region. Can we engage DPH to operationalize their ECC and DEMHS operationalize their EOC and WEBEOC?
 - Hartford POD-
 - Please register
 - Sue Coste will be present as pharmacy evaluator.
- Local PHP Contract-
 - Tabled
- CRI/TAR-
 - Please send Melissa your available dates for TAR.
 - Steve will make sure all contracts are in his office- if not he will contact those which he needs.
- Pan Flu discussion-
 - Current status of region: what should we be doing? Where is the region at? After Wed. Meeting at 1pm- WebEOC up- if we need to post something up- talk to Tom and it can be posted. Carmine posted yesterday the region 3 IMT a broad IAP. 1 page synopsis posted by CREPC. RESP not activated at this point. Will PHERA need to be activated prior to the acceptance of the SNS package next week? Is PHERA necessary? The antivirals are approved medications that can be distributed by local health, hospitals, etc.
 - Locally- command, control, and communications have been established effectively.

- What is it the consensus of this group in accepting the SNS antivirals? We would distribute the stockpile- not administer it (Paul).
- Regional RSS needs to be defined/determined. At this point there is none.
- With all the conference calls right now and issues- how can we support each other regionally with all that's going on right now?
 - CADH should not be issuing guidance. However- coming together as a region to discuss issues and brainstorming on how we can best come up with answers or suggestions should be the focus.
 - Bill Blitz suggests not using private labs. Get the kits from DPH for screening.
 - Do we have the capability to solve things regionally? Yes. How often should we meet?
 - CADH will post "best practices", press releases, and other hot topic documents on their web site for other local health directors to have access to.
- DPH report- WebEOC not up yet. The PH boards are completed. When do LHDs want to start training? Consensus is to start now. 3 hour training is anticipated. The HAN has been having some issues, but is functioning. It's been very helpful. Can only click on 1 group at a time to send emails through the HAN.
- Remainder of agenda was tabled so all could join the DPH conference call at 11:30.

Next Meeting June 5th- location TBD- Windsor?