

Agenda
CREPC ESF 8 Public Health Subcommittee
May 7, 2010
BBHD

Attendees: Jeremy Plossay, Corinne Rueb, Judy Torpey, Bill Kramer, Allyson Schulz, Juanita Estrada, Charles Petrillo, Carmine Centrella, Kerry Flaherty, Francine Truglio, Tom Gavaghan, John Shaw, Steve Huleatt, Bruce Lockwood, Maryann Lexius, Rob Miller, & Melissa Marquis.

- Welcome- Melissa Marquis welcomed the group and thanked Bristol-Burlington Health District for hosting.
- Approval of Minutes- Charles Petrillo motioned to approve the minutes and Judy Torpey seconded. All in favor.
- Regional Planning Updates
 - Workgroup Updates- Melissa provided an overview on the final draft communications protocol. She encouraged people to read the plan and become familiar with the timeframes associated with the actions needed to be taken by agencies once contacted. The May 18th drill will likely test this plan for the first time officially.
 - The training and exercise workgroup will be reconvened hopefully next week to begin re-developing the 3 year training and exercise plan. Melissa sent an email with suggested dates and times to hold the meeting.
 - The alternative dispensing methods POD plan workgroup will need to be reconvened. See Steve after the meeting for details.
 - Regional updates- The three year collaborative agreement ends this August. The EP management team is working with DPH to help define deliverables and planning priorities for the next funding cycle. Obligations still need to be fulfilled with CRI. Trying to get a meeting with Heidi Pfeiffer from CDC to ask some questions on the national level.
 - ESAR-VHP- bogged down at this point. Mary Duley is heading this project up. No additional information coming out at this point.
 - Project Public Health Ready (PPHR)- this will be a major contract deliverable in the next funding cycle. If the state doesn't go forward with this, the region will still need to proceed for re-accreditation of their PPHR status.
- Drills and Exercises Updates
 - Political (Autumn) Storm FSE in May 2010- LHDs should expect to receive communications with injects as part of the drill.
 - Steve asked if the ESF-8 PH meeting could be held at the RCC next month- Carmine recommends that this occur. Will look into this. More information to come. Steve will need to get in touch with Don Janelle to

schedule. We could utilize this setting to conduct an RCC training for ESF-8 personnel.

- Local drills- BBHD/Bristol Hospital taking part in Mass Fatality Plan June 17th. On June 4/5th there will be a hostage drill and hazmat incident.
 - Simsbury FSE drill May 8th- plane crash mass fatality with issues with drinking water. There will be discolored water as a result.
 - Bloomfield/Windsor- rabies drill May 22nd from 2-4pm at Blue Hills Fire Department.
 - July 10th in Hartford- there are multiple events going on with expectations of upwards of 200,000-300,000 people in and around Hartford.

- Local PHP Contract
 - Activities, Concerns, Issues- none.
 - Steve asked the group if they felt interest in conducting a hotwash/AAC to discuss H1N1. There was consensus among the group that yes, this would be helpful. There were suggestions that a survey be done prior to the hotwash asking to write down 3 strengths, 3 weaknesses, best practices, etc. Need some boundaries before the meeting begins to frame discussion. Goal to identify a regional improvement plan and workplan. Survey monkey will be used to generate some initial discussions and plan for a meeting mid-June.

- CRI
 - Contract Year 4 Deliverables and Subcontracts
 - TAR updates- Melissa re-iterated that MDAs need to send their plans electronically to herself and Corinne 2 weeks before their scheduled TAR. Steve recommended that some language be developed discussing what your MDA plans to do to increase throughout if they are not currently meeting their goals. Melissa will send a template out to the group from Corinne to help with this (section 10.4).
 - Bruce shared some resource inventory items from their MDA. He talked about using mobile carts to store vaccination supplies instead of portable containers to be utilized in a more effective way. This was a corrective action they took as result of lessons learned from H1N1. He discussed the value to organizing carts into types and have them be uniform throughout the region. This would allow re-supply to be handled in a more efficient and rapid manner. This could be used as a regional model.
 - A workgroup may be created to tackle this topic of creating a regional stockpile of like carts/equipment that the region could share. The group all agreed that this would be a great tool in the regions toolbox.

- State Preparedness Planning Update
 - Department of Public Health- more trainings for Maven and WebEOC through the next 2 months. Steve asked if DPH could open up a board on

WebEOC for the drill. They will connect after the meeting to set something up.

- Hazmat and HSEEP awareness level trainings being done for all 5 regions. Use CT Train to register (June 30th) at MDC.
- Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security- 3 day HSEEP training course- see DEMHS website.
 - Aftermath of the March flooding. Approval received for public assistance- towns can repair roads and bridges, etc. It is dollar driven funding. The individual assistance was denied by the government- not FEMA. This is being appealed by DEMHS. This is not a dollar driven funding, it is all subjective.
 - A Disaster Assistance center was established in Wallingford by FEMA.
 - Steve asked about the CT Conference of Municipalities conference on May 11th. There is no agenda yet. Registration is still open. See the CCM website for registration information.
- CREPC Update- moving forward with obtaining Everbridge for the region. It will be managed by CRCOG. The account is currently being set up. Databases will be set up once the account information goes through. Call down drills will occur through this once it is all set up.
- MMRS Update- LTCF mutual aid plan is nearing completion after 2 years of planning. They now know how many LTCFs there are (80) in the region and how many residents there are. Russell Phillips was awarded the contract and has already completed a tabletop exercise on evacuation this week. LTCF will now become part of the ESF-8 as of June 1st. The LTCF will create their own RCC and will be housed at Duncaster Nursing Home.
- Other Business- none

Next Meeting – June 4, 2010
Hosted by WHBHD at the Manchester RCC