

DEMHS Region 3

R-ESF 8 (PH Preparedness Planning Meeting) – Friday, October 4, 2013

Hosted by: Bristol-Burlington Health District, Room #109

MEETING NOTES for Director MOTES: *not verbatim*:

by: Susan Di Yulio

Attendees:

Phyllis Amodio	Mary Seiferheld	Melissa Marquis	Bill Turley	Judy Torpey
Steve Huleatt	Bill Kramer	Janet Leonarki	Tung Nguyen	Allyson Schulz
John H. Degnan	Carmine Centrella	Susan Di Yulio		

Start Time: 9:45

End Time: 11:40

Phyllis: Welcomed attendees - (**Director Notes:** Out of town and unable to be at the meeting)

Steve: Ran the meeting

Minutes from last meeting, (September 6, 2013), attached:

- Discussed who might take minutes in future
- 3rd Paragraph-Melissa made corrections
- Motion to Accept Minutes, (Accepted)

Regional Status Updates:

Project Update by Melissa- DPH/CADH Plan alignment contract

- Looking for “alignment” within local, regional and state public health preparedness plans
 - Looking for gaps
 - Best Practices
 - Look for areas of improvement
- Compile information from each CT Region
- Matrix by December and final report by June 2014.

Mass Dispensing POD Plan

- DPH still working on Mass Dispensing Framework template, based off of Region 4’s plan. Local plans will be folded into the overarching “regional” framework.

National Health Security Preparedness Index

- Developed by ASTHO
- Compares State to State scoring methodologies
- Ranking System (County Health). Does not work as well in CT - (CT Districts, Not Counties)
- Draft in place- will be vetted to directors and state public health and preparedness professionals soon for comment. Aim for public release in November.

Carmine: Spoke on September 12, 2013 Regional SNS Meeting in New Hampshire

- Conference covered New England, New York State and NYC
- State Reps. Attended
- Meeting minutes posted on CRCOG website if interested
- Spoke on MERS, (Medical Emergency Response) and meeting in RI

Melissa reported on CDC medical countermeasure tool re-design workgroup - (furlough days slowing down progress)

CREPC: Steve discussed the Statewide ESF-8 chair/DPH meeting 9/20/13

- Chairs and Co-Chairs attended from each region
- What can DPH do better? (need better communication)
- Health Care/Patient Care centered approach
- Mass Fatality/Injured people to have access to care - (DPH - to send volunteers to hospitals)

EMAP (Carmine):

- Carmine discussed the overall criteria
- CREPC President: Bruce Lockwood driving this project
- Region 3 - may be first region to be accredited
- EMAP - paid for by FEMA
- Plan Review (program includes local plan)
- Make CT ready for EMAP discussed
- EMD (Emergency Management Director): {Communications going out soon/floor planning team.}

Everbridge (Carmine):

- Email sent out/Single point of contact.
- One notification/save costs
- Grant
- Funding
- Federal Level - NACHO
- PH Preparedness Funding
- Towns involved
- Two systems under one platform
- Hans in Everbridge

DEMHS Report: see attached report

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Recovery Manager Position Available
- Prepared Contract

NOTES from the FIELD:

TUNG: Bio Detection System (BDS)

- Post Office
- Process one million pieces of mail per night
- Looking for suspicious powder mail, etc.

November 1, 2013 hosted by WHBHD:
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