

RESF 8-Public Health

Meeting Notes: January 10, 2014

Present: Marge Seiferheld, Melissa Marquis, Judy Torpey, Steve Huleatt, Carmine Centrella, Maryann Cherniak Lexius, John Degnan, Bill Kramer, Rob Miller, Charles Motes, Jennifer Kertanis

Welcome and Introductions:

Paul Hutcheon will be retiring on January 31st. A party will be held for Paul on Friday, January 24th at the Pond House Grille in Glastonbury. We hope you can come to celebrate! [If you plan to attend](#), please RSVP by Friday, January 17th. Central CT Health District 869-721-2818.

Nancy Brault, current Chief of EH Services, will be the Acting DoH.

Next Meetings:

- February 7th – CRCOG (to include back-up RCC)
- March 7th – New Britain
- April 11th North Central (date changed to second Friday due to the Preparedness Summit being the first week)

REMEMBER: Minutes will be posted on CREPC website.

Minutes:

Minutes of December 6, 2013 were accepted.

Clarification of FDA Q & A regarding medication dispensing document sent out – no answer yet. Melissa looking for clarification re need for local standing orders. Has communicated with several DPH individuals. Legal issues many.

Regional Status Updates:

- Project Updates:
 - ESF 8 PH SWOT: Carmine gave brief summary. Melissa Marquis will send out previous document for review. Will then decide if need to re-do. We need to track status on Agenda.
 - PHERP Best Practices: Melissa Marquis summarized re the plan alignment project which was submitted to DPH as a deliverable. Will be identifying next steps and how to organize. Probably will be an ad hoc group. Local PHERPs will need to reference Region 3 plan and include info related to:
 - Calling RICS for help

- Information RICS will need i.e. situation, mission, help and/or supplies needed (form to use)
 - Training:
 - Several activities in MDAs in preparation for state exercise in June.
 - February ESF 8 PH meeting will count as RCC training.
- CREPC Update: Carmine Centrella
 - Everbridge Update: Slowly adding health districts/departments.
 - October exercise finding – “Don’t say have people if don’t.” Drill must be helpful.
 - Bylaws: Will be voting on at next week’s meeting.
 - Region 1 used funds to get VEOCI – a virtual EOC platform (chat room/facebook format). May hear more about it. Useful because can do stuff on the fly vs. WEBEOC that uses boards for planning. WEBEOC is more difficult to use and revise – may have reached capacity for use.
 - MMRs: Carmine Centrella to participate in Washington DC workgroup re Chempacks.

State Updates:

- DEMHS No report
- DPH
 - Statewide ESF 8 Assessment telephone call with Ed Kramer discussed. Consensus of participants was that it was of questionable benefit.

Local PHP Contract:

- Expenditure Reports due
- DPH reviewed contract.
- Drill in June: Marge Seiferheld raised question re supplies that may be sent as part of June drill. Should we “order”? Consensus was that we can send back with boxes checked but may or may not receive supplies.

Notes from the field:

- Shelter: Food Safety Toolkit – Jennifer Kertanis stated that FVHD will be conducting training for their CERT.
- CCHD conducted Local Distribution Site exercise with Al Boudreau from DPH. Went very well. One of main findings was that 11-12 workers are not needed – only 5-7.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

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