

Minutes
DEMHS Region 3
R-ESF 8
Public Health Sub-Committee Meeting
February 7, 2014
CADH Office
241 Main St. 2nd floor, Hartford

Attendees: Steve Huleatt, Jennifer Kertanis, Greg Chiara, Bill Kramer, Carmine Centrella, Bill Turley, Judy Torpey, Francine Truglio, Dave Kosciuk, Charles Motes, Marge Seiferheld, and Melissa Marquis

- Welcome- Melissa Marquis welcomed everyone to CADH
- Virtual RCC Show and Tell... Carmine Centrella took the group upstairs to the CRCOG office, where he demonstrated and explained the newly acquired capabilities of the virtual Regional Coordination Center. This will serve as a secondary location in the event the Manchester RCC is not available or more space is needed. This setup is mostly mobile and can be transported to other locations within the building (like CADH) as a possibility.
- Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2014- Jennifer Kertanis motioned to approve and Charles Motes seconded. Minutes are approved. Melissa will have them uploaded to the CRCOG website.
- **Regional Status Updates-**
 - **Project Updates**
 - CADH/DPH Plan Alignment contract-
 - Melissa provided the Plan alignment contract update. The matrix has been submitted to DPH and the draft report has been developed and submitted to CADH executive director for review. The draft report is due to DPH in May and the final report will be submitted to DPH by June 30, 2014.
 - Training, Drills or Exercises-
 - Manchester will be doing distribution training with Al Boudreau April 17th. May be looking for evaluators to assist.
 - Hartford wanted to conduct an exercise in coordination with the state FSE- but given the date change, they are uncertain if they will be able to do so. The Region may be able to ramp up as a partial activation during the Hartford exercise.
 - Carmine stated the AAR is completed for the MRC/IMT exercise from October. AAR highlighted some work for the Region.

- ESF 8 – Public health SWOT planning- no update at this time.
 - **CREPC**
 - Everbridge Update- Jennifer asked if there would be value in interested LHDs to come together with Carmine collectively to ask questions and discuss questions, etc. Carmine reported the goal is to individualize each Everbridge, but having a larger meeting makes sense for standardizing templates, etc. Jennifer is requesting info on how to make changes based on findings during their use of the system. Carmine suggests the easiest thing is to email him the changes to be made and he can make them. Moving forward, this process may change.
 - Dave Kosciuk is putting in an extension for the Long Term Care Mutual Aid Project for additional funding.
 - Suggest identifying other potential “ready-go” projects for the region (ESF-8) to spend down some extra funding.
 - Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) accreditation is taking up a lot of the contractors’ time from CRCOG. EMAP similar in terms of the PPHR process but geared for Emergency Management.
 - CR-MMRS- Carmine recently invited to provide a Congressional brief on Medical Countermeasures in Chempack. Goal was to re-visit the Chempack formulary and other distribution concerns. Conversation ensued around local control with respect to formulary. He will be going back to Washington 2/25 for additional meetings. More information to follow.
 - Carmine also reported that he is making headway on creating a medical tract for another National Conference in May to be held in Philadelphia.
 - Next RESF-8 chairs meeting next Tuesday 2/11/14.
- **State Updates**
 - **DPH**
 - Statewide FSE- date changed to April 21-24th. DPH apologizes for any issues in the date change. The original intent was to hold the FSE and the EPPI exercise concurrently. It was later decided to separate the exercises due to size. DPH is aware of concerns this change may cause, however the date is firm.
 - Statewide ESF 8 Assessment- Interim reports on first tier reports submitted to DPH. Complete results are not available now. Second tier of surveys will be going to MRC, behavioral health and Community Health Centers (CHCs) soon. Full report will be submitted end of June.
 - Next years’ PHEP budget- July 1-June 30, 2015. Awaiting CDC Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). State application due to CDC May 1.

- Steve requests that given the date change in the exercise, can DPH re-evaluate the local deliverables due- specifically regarding the Regional framework, the TAR progress report, etc.
 - **DEMHS**
 - No report.
- **Local Public Health Preparedness Contract**
 - Covered under DPH report. No additional local questions.
- **Notes from the Field**
 - Bill Kramer stated the schools have recently gotten their all-hazards plans put together and some LHDs may be requested to send their pan flu plans to the schools for inclusion into their plans.
- **Other Business**
 - Dave Kosciuk reported that there was a Primary Service Area (PSA) taskforce to evaluate EMS legislation specific to ambulance providers. Dave suggests that local directors of health be informed and prepared to be able to speak to this.
 - Jennifer asked if someone can provide quick reference points on this? Statutes are in the report... when can this report be available? Perhaps sometime in mid-February. Jennifer suggests perhaps bringing together local directors of health to discuss this and the potential impacts, etc. Dave suggests bringing Ray Barishansky in from DPH to talk about this. Dave will try to set this up at the next March full ESF-8 meeting.
 - Steve Mansfield (ESF-8 co-chair from Region 4) and Dave have spoken recently regarding the date change on the SNS FSE. Steve was interested in determining what the local directors were thinking about. He shared an email that Region 4 had sent to Jon Best expressing their collective concerns about the impacts the date change for the exercise will have on their jurisdictions.
 - What are the LHDs planning- are they consistent?
 - Manchester was going to simulate dispensing. Date change affects this plan.
 - WHBHD will be receiving a pallet. Can continue doing the drill as it is currently designed.
 - BBHD- will do a call down and involve EMDs from both towns.
 - CCHD- similar to BBHD. Perhaps testing the security aspect of transporting.
 - Overall the group is in consensus that the date change may cause issues for some locals, but that they will do what they can to continue moving forward with the exercise and play how they can.
 - The other question is related to repackaging the materiel and re-distribution. Do you need zip codes for the closed PODs? No. DPH

is concerned with the equity of where the materiel goes for closed PODs since not all people at the closed POD live in that particular zip code. This is been repeatedly brought up and discussed across the State.

- Will DPH be doing any trainings or orientations with LHDs and Hospitals prior to the FSE? Greg will ask.
- National Health Security Preparedness Index- ASTHO provided the data, not the State. See <http://www.nhspe.org/> for more information.
- CDC National Snapshot of Public Health Preparedness for 2012-2013. Provides a good narrative on where CDC is now. The link can be accessed here: <http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/pubs-links/2013/>

Next Meeting Date March 7, 2014 at New Britain HD