

## DEMHS Region 3 ESF-8 Public Health Subcommittee Meeting

June 6, 2014

Windsor Town Hall

Attendees: Carmine Centrella, Mary Rose Duberek, Steve Huleatt, Maryann Lexius, Melissa Marquis, Chuck Motes, Michael Pepe, Michael Pirro, Allyson Schulz, Judy Torpey, Francine Truglio, Bill Kramer, John Degnan, Marge Seiferheld, Eileen Boulay

Meeting called to order at 9:40 a.m.

The May 2 2014 minutes were reviewed and accepted with one spelling correction.

### Regional Status Updates

1. Statewide EPPI Exercise
  - 0800-1400 on each day of play (Sat Jun 21 and Mon Jun 23)
  - All exercise communications have been directed to local EMDs; check [www.ct.gov/demhs](http://www.ct.gov/demhs) for copies.
  - Reg 3 has ~ 9 hospitals slated to play.
  - There are ~24 DPH injects (primarily hospital focused); local EOCs will likely turn to local health for support in response to access/functional needs injects.
  - Exercise scope is pre-storm all the way to 2- 5 days in the recovery phase.
  - WebEOC and DPH WebEOC are likely to be used. The Region 3 Coordination Center (back-up site) will be activated.
  - Feedback to the Exercise Design Team is that Reg 3 ESF8 local health doesn't feel connected to CREPC in this exercise. The group was willing to provide a representative to the mass care workgroup to help strengthen the connection between ESF8 and ESF6 mass care for these types of exercises/real world events. Mary Rose will make this suggestion to the DEMHS ESF6 Workgroup.
2. Trainings/Exercises
  - a. Community Assessment for Preparedness & Emergency Response (CASPER) Drill
    - Hartford Jun 7 2014
    - Teams of 3 interviewers will conduct door-to-door interviews of selected sections of the city.
    - Bristol/Burlington Health District may replicate this project next year. New Britain Health Department took a similar approach in terms of household follow-up with respect to preparedness for its health clinic patients.
3. CREPC

- Undergoing an onsite Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) site visit soon.

### State Updates

1. DPH
  - Update was provided at Jun 4 2014 ESF8 meeting – see those minutes.
2. DEMHS
  - Tom Gavaghan is at training on recovery housing issues.
  - Long-term Recovery Group is encouraging locals to designate a Long-term Recovery Coordinator to manage volunteer assets, assure administrative preparedness, etc.
  - CT's Voluntary Organizations Assisting in Disasters (VOAD) is working with CT Rises
  - HSEEP training is now available via webinar
  - CEO Emergency Management Handbook is now available
  - School trainings were held regarding new planning requirements; Local Health Director has to sign off on each district's plan.

### Local Preparedness Contract

Health departments/districts have begun receiving the amendment for execution. New elements include:

- Bimonthly financial reports
- The option for local departments/districts to work on more than the three DPH priority capabilities (this group should discuss what we want to focus on at our Sep meeting)
- A statewide full-scale dispensing exercise in which each region will be required to activate at least one MDA and one hospital – Hartford is a likely candidate MDA

### Field Notes

- CADH's office is closing 6/30/14; a part-time Executive Director position has been posted. Green River and CADH are co-managing the Health Equity Index which is available free of charge online.
- Central CT Health District reported issues contacting Yale staff of ESAR-VHP. We agreed as a group to document any ESAR-VHP deficiencies we have observed in our PHEP Volunteer Report deliverable to DPH and raise this topic at the monthly full ESF8 meeting.

### Other Business

- Training requirements were reviewed & clarified: ICS 100, 200 & 700 and Public Health 101 are required for all LHD staff. ICS 300 & 400 is only required for those individuals assigned to the Regional Coordination Center. POD Staff should complete the SNS Overview module on CT TRAIN. At September LHD meeting, we can discuss NIMS requirements.

- Debbie Chisholm of Walgreens will be coming to the July 2 2014 ESF8 meeting and a local health breakout meeting will occur directly afterwards to discuss partnership potential to provide pharmacist volunteers at PODs.

Summary Action Items:

1. Mary Rose will recommend an ESF8 local health member be added to the DEMHS ESF6 Workgroup.
2. Mary Rose will forward the school plan template to Steve Huleatt for distribution.
3. Report any ESAR-VHP issues in the local PHEP Volunteer Report deliverable and raise this issue at the full ESF8 meeting that DPH attends.

September Agenda Items:

1. 2014-2015 preparedness capabilities – which should we focus on?
2. NIMS Requirement