

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

Minutes: November 07, 2014

### East Hartford Public Safety Complex

**Attendance:** Judy Torpey, Marge Seiferheld, Mary Rose Duberek, Tom Gavaghan, Francine Truglio, Michael Pepe, Rober Miller, Steve Huleatt, Jim Cordier, Betty Morris, Wendy Mis, Chales Brown, Jennifer Kertanis, Tung Nguyen, Carmine Centrella, Allyson Schulz, Michael Pirro, David Koscuk, Melissa Marquis

**Welcome and Approval of Minutes:** Steve Huleatt opened the meeting and thanked East Hartford for hosting. Melissa Marquis reported that the minutes from last month are not available. Will send via email when ready.

#### Regional Status Updates:

- Melissa reported that the Region 3 ORR completed. CDC wanted to see local Plan. Hartford HD agreed to participate as local representative for the Region, but had limited time to prepare. Operational piece – not as well prepared. Whole day with CDC staff. Process very similar to and detailed like the old TAR. Want all plans connected. Wanted to see only drills and exercises within 5 years.
  - CDC will go back to assess every MDA next year versus just Region. Recommended that DPH send out information as soon as possible to allow locals to prepare.
    - NOTE: ORR produces NO SCORE. No Pass/Fail.
    - No clear crosswalk between ORR and TAR. Although Melissa has shared crosswalks from colleagues from Michigan and NY which will help.
  - Next steps: Melissa strongly suggests becoming familiar with ORR Guidelines. Also, check against Region 3 Plan. Look at next 10 days of operation. Focus on capabilities 8 and 9 which are the medical countermeasure dispensing and distribution capabilities. Make any necessary revisions in local plans and then look to the other support annexes which will connect with the other capabilities the ORR evaluates.
  - It is anticipated that this entire process will take approximately 400 hours for each MDA for the first year. Subsequent years will be significantly less labor intensive. The ORRs will be conducted in the fall. CDC still determining frequency of evaluations- looking at every other year reviews.
- **EBOLA**
  - Commissioner's Semi-annual Conference: some sharing of Hartford HD experience.
  - Hartford HD working on Algorithm re: what to do when, who to call, etc.
  - Steve shared the WHBHD experience of a potential Ebola case presenting to a local outpatient clinic.
  - WHBHD and FVHD have developed packets to be used in the event a returning traveler comes to one of the jurisdictions served by their districts. The packets include educational information for the traveler, information about the type of

monitoring they will be required to have, emergency contact procedures, social needs survey, and a bag of contents including a thermometer, gown and mask to be worn by the traveler in the event they become symptomatic and need to be transported to a hospital. Melissa shared these packets with all LHDs. They have also been posted to the NACCHO Ebola Virtual Situation Room.

#### **CREPC Update**

- Carmine and David reported on the regional activities being undertaken regarding Ebola. A new situation report will be shared after this meeting with the regional partners.
- Conference call of ESF-8 Chairs 11-06-14. Dave reported that the \$30,000 will be returned to Region 3 from DPH. This money was allocated to each region and none were ever paid for it. DPH has asked each region to consider returning \$5,000-10,000 back for DPH to purchase Ebola-related equipment for EMS providers to utilize. Dave reported that he would consult with Region 3 ESF-8 leadership and provide their response back to DPH.
- WebEOC: will not be used for event (Ebola).

#### **State Update: DEMHS only- DPH not present**

- Collecting information re PPE.
- School Emergency Plans still being collected.
- Most Plans do not address public health issues or have asked for little input to date. Superintendents have had since January to develop and submit.
- Template may not have addressed public health issues enough. Question was raised whether a team was involved in the Plan development.

#### **Local Public Health Preparedness Contract:**

- Budget justification issues – some never received forms from DPH. Some have inquired but have not received responses.

#### **Notes from the Field/ Other Business:**

- Health & Wellbeing Survey: Helpful information for New Haven. Looking for funding for Capitol Region. Will need support from local PH. Should have value.

*Next meeting to be held Dec. 5, 2014- Hosted by New Britain Health Department*