

ESF-8 Public Health Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2015
Bristol-Burlington Health District
240 Stafford Avenue, Bristol, CT 06010

To Order: 9:36 am EDT

Attendees: Jeffrey Catlett, Bill Kramer, Tom Gavaghan, Mary Rose Duberek, Michael Pepe, Allyson Schulz, Tung Nguyen, Marge Seiferheld, Judy Torpey, Erin Hoekstra (Student at CCHD), Steve Huleatt, Carmine Centrella, Charles Motes, Maryann Lexius, Heather Oatis, Janet Leonardi, and Melissa Marquis

❖ **Welcome:** Mr. Motes

❖ **Approval of Minutes of April meeting:** Moved Judy, 2nd Bill –approved by voice vote.

❖ **Regional Updates:**

- Melissa had sent information on ORR and guidance for self-evaluations last week. Question: how to best utilize our time at the ESF-8 public health monthly meetings. Discussion to ensue with ESF-8 PH co-chair.
- Report by BBHD regarding their recent functional dispensing/distribution exercise. This discussion led into discussion of upcoming 2016 (state) drill. BBHD will volunteer to conduct a full-scale. Carmine Centrella spoke re: involving school systems in a Regional drill (as ESF-21) in April 2016, and the possibility of setting up as a half day drill with the District in the afternoon, and using students as participants. Also mentioned were involving ESPN as a closed POD, Bristol Hospital, the City and Town of Bristol and Burlington (Drive-thru POD). Consensus: Start building a plan for a drill in April, 2016, eleven months in advance. BBHD will find interest on the part of the local School Department and ESPN, especially for Just in Time Training and possible videos. Carmine and Steve Huleatt to be kept in the loop at all points. The ESF-8 PH Committee to be kept updated at monthly meetings. Directors of Health to provide support to the drill, both planning and execution.
- Carmine: Region 3: DPH intends to use CRCOG as fiduciary for funding. Grant money to be spent, with CRCOG (Capitol Region Council of Governments) to act as fiduciary. The Ebola AAR is still in the works, to be completed soon. There will be new guidance coming out in reference to Health Care Coalitions. In November 2015, a National Healthcare Coalition (HCC) project is to be conducted by Region 3 CRCOG.

❖ **State Updates:**

- DPH: None

- DEMHS: The Presidential Declaration concerning most recent storms affecting CT counties of (among others) Tolland, Windham, New London are still being dealt with. The Coordinator position for Region III is open, applications for this position, however, have been closed.
 - Maryanne Cherniak: reported out on a recent seminar held with the Manchester Faith based community regarding support services that can be provided to their respective congregations and members. Also, they can provide support for other emergencies such as sheltering, visiting, special needs, day care and commodities distribution. Meetings and seminars were held with the local faith communities asking them to make contact with the Local Emergency Operations Center to offer their support in time of emergency. Region 3 ESF-20 (Faith based organizations) is also engaged in this effort. Noted: Each community needs to establish a mechanism to use faith-based community resources in their jurisdiction.
 - Reported: The Long-Term Care group in the area has a plan for response and recovery from disasters affecting them.
 - School Emergency Plans due to DEMHS by 1 July 2015
- ❖ Local Public Health Preparedness Contract:
- PHEP- (Public health emergency preparedness) contracts will be coming – not sure when. There will be additional regional ESF-8 monies specific for Ebola. The funding will be from both the healthcare preparedness planning (HPP) and PHEP grants. The regions can work with DPH to determine the deliverables for these funds.
- ❖ Other Business – Discussions
- General conversation was had surrounding DPH Healthcare coalition and PH meeting held on 6/4/2015. Overall, people felt the tabletop exercise that was conducted was somewhat beneficial.
- ❖ Next Meeting: Due to upcoming national meeting conflicts and the July 4th holiday, it was determined to change the date of the next ESF-8 PH meeting to **July 24, 2015** -- Windsor HD will host.

Adjourn: 11:38 am EDT