

Minutes
DEMHS Region 3
RESF 8
Public Health Sub-Committee Meeting
July 26, 2019
North Central District Health Department - Vernon Office
375 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon-Rockville, CT 06066

Attendees: Patrice Sulik, Patrick Getler, Jeff Catlett, Sara Darlagiannis, Charles Brown, Johnathan Butler, Michael Pepe, Ryan McCammon, Heather Oatis, Rob Miller, Steve Huleatt, Eric Hood, Marge Seiferheld, Jim Cordier, Melissa Marquis

Welcome:

- Focus on developing meeting agenda for September meeting which will focus on Regional MDA deliverables.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion for approval of June meeting minutes by Patrice Sulik seconded by Charles Brown. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Regional Status Updates:

Training, Drills, or Exercises:

- East Hartford indicated that they notified DPH that they wanted to do an exercise related to Ebola Virus Disease. East Hartford Health Department had a drill related to EVD as part of mcm action plan. CT DPH notified East Hartford Health Department that they needed to get approval from the Region and that the Region needs to review it because they are in charge. East Hartford was told they can't do EVD scenario. CREPC will review this issue and will issue guidance to local health departments/districts on what information regarding exercises and drills.
- Farmington Valley and West Hartford-Bloomfield are conducting a joint full-scale exercise for a pandemic influenza scenario for mass vaccination. Recently held the mid-term planning meeting. Exercise is on November 5th and expect approximately 400 people to be vaccinated for seasonal influenza. Will vaccinate school district, police department, and fire department employees. Looking for observers and evaluators. Focus of exercise will be practicing cross jurisdictional sharing of resources and critical workforce vaccination for Pandemic Influenza. Avon Town department have purchased the vaccine that will be administered by Farmington Valley.
- Farmington Valley recently signed a closed Point of Dispensing (POD) agreement with a long-term care facility and is now conducting a series of exercises. Conducted a tabletop exercise and is planning to scale up to a functional exercise and end with a full-scale exercise in the near future.

- Looking to utilize Dispense Assist to get estimates from pre-registration for the seasonal influenza clinic.
- Farmington Valley may possibly request support from the region for exercise participants.
- Capitol Region MRC and Region 4 MRC will be working together to provide Medical Assistance Support Teams for a multi-state relay race that will start in Rhode Island and end in Hartford Connecticut.

CREPC Updates:

- Carmine is still supporting Cheryl Assis who is the current Regional point of contact. Cheryl is the primary point of contact for the PHEP grant and she may reach out to share your questions or concerns to subject matter expert (cassis@crcog.org).
- DPH notified fiscal leads that will no longer do weekly conference calls to quarterly conference calls for handling a issues related to the contract.

State Updates:

- Jeff Catlett asked Steve Huleatt to be the local health department representative as a member of CADH for the State Healthcare Coalition Executive Meeting.
- CT DPH executed a no bid contract with Yale New Haven Health for BP1 and will go to bid for BP2 and BP3.
- Currently the Statewide Healthcare Coalition Executive Meetings are focused on developing the by-laws for the new Statewide Healthcare Coalition.
- Operational budget was approved and can be revised later on. Also, discussion about how meetings will be management. Decision made to elect co-chairs in the next meeting and keep meetings as formal as possible using Robert's Rules of Orders.
- Yale New Haven Health will be responsible for 80% of the grant deliverables.

Local Public Health Preparedness Contract

- **CDC PHEP Cooperative Agreement:**

Steve Huleatt reviewed some of the priority deliverables that need to be discussed at the September meeting:

1. Need to have group discussion about the 20% of PODs in Region 3 that need to be exercised annually.
2. Dispensing Full Scale Exercise in City of Hartford by 2021

3. Two Tabletop Exercise one for Pandemic Influenza and Anthrax. Need to develop regional plan for both of these scenarios.
4. Regional training and exercise plan developed as part of PPHR Application last Budget Period. Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan for the Regional MDA is separate from CREPC MYTEP. Needs to be completed
5. Meet with regional partners (Local Health Departments) and pick two PHEP capabilities to focus on anticipated work for the budget period. Will form workgroup outside of the RESF 8 Local Public Health Group and will report back.
6. Discuss and begin developing a Regional MDA Plan for Region 3 that aligns with how the Region has been operating for past 19 years.

Other Business:

- Need to develop and conduct training on VEOCI. South Windsor offered to host the training at the town annex.
- Steve Huleatt was asked by Yale New Haven Health Training Center to participate in a training on Evidence Based Public Health Practices. Steve really enjoyed the training and recommended that preparedness coordinators, directors of health, epidemiologists, and anyone who makes decisions or develops document within your organization.
- Yale New Haven Health Training Center and CT DPH are developing teams of train the trainers and possibly will have the training available for local health department staff.