

**Minutes**  
**DEMHS Region 3 - RESF 8**  
**Public Health Sub-Committee Meeting**  
**October 4, 2019**

**Attendees:** Melissa Marquis, Jeff Catlett, Johnathan Butler, Katie Roane, Michael Pepe, Derek May, Sara Darlagiannis, Russell Melmed, Steve Huleatt, Patrice Sulik, Kevin Elak, Janet Leonardi, Charles Brown, Ann Hartman, Heather Oatis, Sal Nesci, Alexis Steele, Jennifer Kertanis, Jim Cordier, and Rob Miller

**Meeting called to order at 9:39 AM**

**Welcome:**

- Kevin Elak and Middletown Emergency Management Director Rob Kronenberger welcomed the group to the Middletown EOC and Training Center.
- Introductions done around the room.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Motion for approval of the September meeting minutes by Charles Brown, seconded by Jennifer Kertanis. 2 abstentions by Ann Hartman and Patrice Sulik. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Regional Status Updates**

• **Training, Drills and Exercises:**

- Melissa Marquis announced that FVHD conducted a facility setup/site activation/staff notification on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. A full-scale mass vaccination exercise using pan flu scenario will take place on November 5<sup>th</sup> in coordination with WHBHD.
- Steve Huleatt reported that WHBHD will be running a flu scenario site activation on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Central CT Health District is also planning a flu drill and exercise
- These 3 exercises will complete the regional deliverable requirements for 20% LHDs to complete CRI metrics including staff notification, site activation and facility setup.

**CREPC Update:**

- Steve gave an update of the B-17 plane crash at Bradley Airport. Michael Pepe and Patrice Sulik provided reports about their respective towns, including PFAS chemical concerns with the Farmington River.
  
- Charles Brown gave a summary of the Region 3 ESF-8 Meeting on October 2nd: There was a lengthy discussion about EEE. Mary Emerling from the Middletown Board of Ed gave a presentation on CHL: Reducing Anxiety in our School Community. PHEP contracts will be coming out in the next few days. Lisa Bushnell asked us to not call ASPR TRACIE directly. All questions should be directed to OPHPR first.

**State Updates:**

- No representatives from state present

**Local Public Health Preparedness Contract:**

- 3-deep forms were all submitted
- Regional MYTEP sent in and posted to DCIPHER
- Quarterly reports are due on October 15<sup>th</sup>- awaiting report template from DPH.

**Regional Contract:** Discussed in CREPC Update

**Other Business:**

- **Development and Assignment to Regional workgroup structure**
  - Steve discussed the need to form CRI Committees moving forward. The goal is to create an annex to the existing Regional PHERP Plan for MCM prophylaxis, and a sub annex for the local plans.
  - Charles Brown suggested 4 committees: 1) Planning 2) Training 3) Testing 4) Evaluation
  - Melissa suggested that a steering committee serve as a primary role. Ad Hoc committees can be added as needed.
  - Melissa suggested that the planning workgroup convene in November. Volunteers: Steve Huleatt, John Butler, Melissa Marquis, Patrice Sulik, Sara Darlagiannis, Michael Pepe, Sal Nesci.
- A lengthy discussion about the current EEE situation ensued.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM**

Next Meeting November 1, 2019 hosted by North Central District Health Department in Vernon