

**Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting (DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
January 20, 2022
9:30 a.m.
CRCOG, Via Zoom**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. via Zoom. Attendees were asked to put their name and organization in the chat box for attendance purposes.

Public Comment – none

Adoption of the Minutes

Harley Graime seconded by Terri Thompson made a motion to adopt the minutes from the October 21st meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

Bill Turley stated that Brenda Bergeron has been named the new Deputy Commissioner and interviews are being held for the Director of Emergency Management position. He commented that the Capitol Region MRC as well as many of our CERT teams are busy with activations. He discussed the various testing and vaccination sites within the region. He reported there will be an EPPI exercise later this year. He continues to work with CRCOG on the Long-Term Recovery Work Group.

Unfinished Business

SHSGP Grants Report

Cheryl Assis provided a grant update. We recently had a virtual monitoring visit/audit which went very well. We are currently working on the FY 19 grant. If your municipality/department has any regional equipment that was purchased through the SHSGP grants that may require maintenance or replacement or any training needs, please let Cheryl know.

New Business

Don Janelle, seconded by Harley Graime made a motion that CRCOG send a letter requesting that ESF-2 Chair Mike Boucher be appointed to the Statewide Interoperability Committee. All in favor, so voted.

ESF- Selected Committee Reports

RESF-1 Transportation –Terri Thompson reported that 5,000 Traffic Incident Management pocket guides have been distributed. She is in discussions with a vendor on a potential mobile app. She thanked Don Janelle for his drone presentation last month – there as a lot of interest from the TIM Coalition.

ESF-5 Emergency Management – Bill Perkins outlined the activities in support of COVID-19 response and stated they are still on standby. Presently there is one canteen in Farmington. He has been working to upgrade the Everbridge system and adding a new Incident Communication component.

RESF-6 Sub-Committee for Volunteer Management – Don Janelle stated the group held a bi-monthly meeting and the Statewide Citizen Corps Council met recently over Zoom. Some teams have found very creative ways to keep active during the pandemic. Cheryl Assis reviewed the list of teams who applied for grants recently.

RESF-8 Public Health and Medical Services– Jen Farley stated that the hospitals have been managing the current surge. Staffing shortages have been a big issue and they are monitoring the booster mandate.

Steve Huleatt stated that the group continues to meet monthly and have been receiving updates from all hospitals. While vaccinations continue, mass clinics have come to an end. The Pfizer vaccine should be approved for kids 5-11 soon.

Katherine McCormack stated that in terms of the CR-MRC that DPH has been looking at volunteers to help with the shortages. She thanked Dave Kosciuk for taking a leadership role in terms of getting the hospitals together on the issue. The group was awarded a \$10,000 grant from NACCHO for a feasibility study yesterday. Janet Leonardi reported that the Middletown MRC is doing 3-4 vaccination clinics a week and working with Middlesex Hospital on a survey.

RESF-9 SEARCH AND RESCUE

No report.

RESF-10 HAZMAT

Chief Munson stated that they continue to rebuild the team and have a new training officer. They have been discussing their internal training methods and are meeting with other regions to make sure policies are consistent throughout the State.

Other Business/ Information

Cheryl Assis stated that she is looking for photos of regional or CERT teams in action to put on our social media pages.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 am. The next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2022.