

CREPC ESF 8 Public Health Subcommittee
September 3, 2010
CADH, Hartford
Minutes

Attendees: Jeremy Plossay, John Shaw, Chuck Motes, David Kosciuk, Francine Truglio, John Degan, Charles Petrillo, Carmine Centrella, Juanita Estrada, Maryann Lexius, Allyson Schulz, Judy Torpey, Rick Matheny, Paul Hutcheon, Mary Laiuppa, Jeffrey Lim, Kate Novick, Kerry Flaherty, Steve Huleatt, Charles Brown & Melissa Marquis

- Welcome
 - Melissa welcomed everyone to the September meeting.
- Approval of Minutes
 - John Shaw motioned to approve the July minutes. Chuck Motes seconded. Motion approved unanimously
- Regional Planning Updates
 - Workgroup Updates-
 - Resource Typing workgroup- Allyson stated that they were drafting proposal for regional epi strike team with procedures from IMT (Incident Management Team), mission and scope of team, and supplies. Not reinventing the wheel. Meeting next week to finalize draft. Team will be regional entity with the same issues like credentialing and regulatory process due to their licensure. Dave Kosciuk stated that statewide EMS strike team has a priority now.
 - More workgroups will need to be formed around CRI and PPHR activities.
- Drills and Exercises Updates
 - Not a lot to say except to strongly encourage agencies to consider the types of drills they plan to accomplish in the coming year. H1N1 activities buffered drills last year, but may not this year. CREPC will be working on drills and exercise plan. Starting with C&O on October 13th with TetraTech. Contract with them extended and work reviewed from last year...seems reasonable to continue to use them because of their capacity to produce quality work. CREPC did merge ESF-8 and regional training and exercise plan.
 - Southington is conducting a commodities POD exercise on September 11th. Short ceremony before the drill. Bristol Street in Southington. Official credentials required for observers. 8-1pm could use more evaluators.

- Local PHP Contract
 - Activities, Concerns, Issues
 - Steve stated that there is a meeting following this one with CADH leadership to define what recent changes in budget will mean. Budget reduction in PHEP and carry forward of PHER funds which were for H1N1. Trying to find out if that means a reduction in EP or supplantation in PHER funds. Need guidance to determine how to move forward. Info from NACCHO alerts last Friday; not different money but redirecting money. Includes Phase 1 money, Phase 2 and 3 money. CT never applied for Phase 4 money because there was no demand for vaccinations. Last June, there was 2.6 million left over.
 - We have not heard anything about award amounts changing, but there are still questions about funding streams. Plan has to come together pretty quickly.
 - Steve stated that NACCHO tipped us off about media blitz about supporting vaccination of children for flu. DPH sent out piece to remind about vaccinating kids last week as well. If H1N1 money comes, this may be a way to address shifting from pandemic to seasonal H1N1 response. Change in regulations requiring flu shots for attending daycare in CT by January 1st. Juanita will send memo to Melissa about this, and Melissa will share with the group.
 - Contract deliverables outlined in draft LHD contract will be discussed at PHP Management meeting. PPHR, All-Hazards, CRI planning initiatives included.
 - Could look into regional clinic for kids again.

- CRI
 - Contract Year 4 Deliverables and Subcontracts
 - TAR updates
 - Waiting for final reports then will start working on gap analysis and recommendations for next year.
 - Drills and exercises
 - Identify sections of plans you want to test in coming year.

- State Preparedness Planning Update
 - Department of Public Health
 - Juanita stated that Emergency Management center opened at 8am to monitor Hurricane Earl. WebEOC incident open.
 - WebEOC trainings coming
 - All DPH staff should be using Everbridge now.
 - Maven annual reports due today. Part-times an issue. Trainings starting in September.
 - Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
 - Hurricane Earl is coming with wind and rain.

- CREPC Update-
 - The Road Ahead... planning for the future
 - Carmine stated that regional catastrophic planning team- tri-state regions 1 and 5...systems in place will work regardless. Carmine attending meetings and on workgroups. Program will be developed with \$9 million to NYC and contractors...great work in last six months. Work on credentialing and staging areas will be shared soon.
 - SFI from FEMA using census data to address shift in us demographics...just started last week. Can sign up for newsletter to get updates for future planning efforts.
 - Been talking about CREPC and how to move forward from where we have been. Past incidents have prompted discussions and Dan Scace and Carmine have developed report for moving ahead looking at by-laws, incidents, federal guidance, the link between planning and operations.
 - Three priority areas outlined, document drafted, UASI champions are reviewing goals and gave good feedback. Last meeting yesterday and document reviewed. On CREPC website for review. Full report and executive summary available along with questions and answer document.
 - Restructuring of CREPC
 - Putting CREPC ESFs within National Response Framework (NRF)
 - Building out leadership within ESFs
 - Contracting of CREPC coordinator
 - What everyday operations of CREPC will be.
 - Defining roles and responsibilities
 - When does DEMHS or CREPC take the lead?
 - Building out systems that support robust regional application
 - Report built on CRCOG principles of mutual support
 - Primary ESFs and complex ESFs will be supported by contracted personnel
 - ESF5, 7 and 8 need to be supported
 - 20 actions within the plan to support CREPC
 - John Shaw suggested everyone review the document prior to the next CREPC meeting. He strongly encouraged attendance at the meeting from ESF-8 agencies.
 - John asked all 8 section heads to meet with their sections to answer questions about capabilities today and what capabilities would each section like

in the future. This will help us define the gaps and allocation of limited resources.

- Hoping that this process will allow for integration of planning within ESF-8.
- Steve asked the group to consider the questions. SWOT analysis from 2008 can be considered. Should be beneficial for PPHR.
- Brainstorm on questions
 - What are the current planning and response capabilities of PH section?
 - What would you like your planning and response capabilities to be in three years?
- Melissa will email survey with a deadline of next Friday for completion
- John suggested conducting a new SWOT
- Steve stated that RFP was accepted. New structure put in to be transparent about how the process is run. Org chart distributed and it brings CREPC into the structure. CADH and LHDs are subcontractors, WHBHD administrator. Steering committee consisting of health directors, REPT, CREPC, DEMHS, DPH
- Workgroups
 - CRI
 - PHERP planning improvement
 - Working to review the plans and determine ways to standardize or regionalize
 - Regional all-hazards PHERP development
 - PPHR workgroup
 - Regional Drills and Exercises
 - CRCOG sponsored and supported
- Harmonization Task force
 - Moving the entire region forward based upon broad view of each agency
- MMRS Update
 - Funding may be in jeopardy for the future.
- Other Business
 - Discussion on new 3 year contract

Next Meeting – October 1st, hosted by EHHD