

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee
RESF-8 Health and Medical – *Hospital Section*
March 2, 2011
East Hartford Public Safety Complex
East Hartford, Connecticut

Present: See attached attendance list

The meeting was opened at 11:20 a.m.

Chairman Mr. Falaguerra was called out before the meeting and Dr. Shaw convened the meeting.

Regional Hospital Exercise:

- **Regional Hospital Exercise Planning Subcommittee reports:**

No new information was made available to the group. A review of past activity was discussed. Previous subcommittee reports had been made as follows: *Regional objectives:* Mr. Falaguerra reported that he had contacted Mr. Scace at CREPC. The CREPC regional objectives for all 2011 exercise coordination and control planning is focused on the forward movement of patients, mass fatalities and decontamination. It was concluded that none of these was central to the collective hospital exercise and that CREPC coordination and resources will not become an active part of this exercise. The role of regional operations can be created notionally. If these conclusions are not correct, CREPC needs to be notified. *Hospital objectives subcommittee:* Only two of the participating hospitals have submitted their hospital objectives as of January. It is now assumed, but not confirmed, that all hospital objectives have been turned in. A compilation is to be created for review by the subcommittee. *Scenario development subcommittee:* Mr. Best had submitted a subcommittee report by e-mail. In this report, he stated he has asked Lynette Lines from Yale to join the group as she is assisting DPH in the development of this and future exercises. During this discussion in January, it was noted that this subcommittee apparently had not convened separately to develop the regional scenario. Mr. Falaguerra stated he would ask Mr. Best to convene the full subcommittee and review the contents of this e-mail, making any changes needed and resubmitting it for future discussion. It is not known if this group has met, and no report was available at this meeting.

During the discussion, concern was expressed over the apparent lack of planning for this exercise following HSEEP guidelines. Questions were raised if there was to be any initial, midterm or final planning conferences for all participants to identify specific capabilities, objectives, roles and evaluation strategies.

Ms. Nagle agreed to contact Mr. Falaguerra to identify if any of these concerns have already been met. Inquiry will also be made over the development of an Exercise Plan, a Master Event Scenario Lost (MESL), and a joint evaluation strategy, perhaps having CMED prepare its AAR/IP on behalf of the region, and/or holding a combined hotwash session after the drill. Ms. Nagle will also contact Ms. Morris to verify CMED's participation in the June 15 exercise. Finally, Ms. Nagle agreed to contact Mr. Best at OEMS to request follow up action as needed to

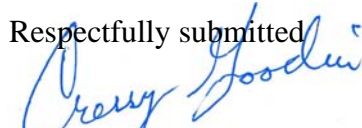
bring this project along. A Hospital Section telephone conference call may take place to bring members up to date. A full report will be made at the April meeting of the group.

- **Acute Care Facilities Mutual Aid Plan:**

Discussion was held on a proposed project to develop a regional sharing system and structure to manage sharing of resources among the region's hospitals during an emergency. Initial concern was expressed by several that hospital funding is severely restricted, and no new projects can be undertaken. The benefits of this project were not well understood, and a final decision was made to invite Scott Aronson from Russell Phillips & Associates, LLC to come to the April meeting to make a formal presentation on the process and dynamics involved in this proposed project, and to explore if the results might offer a meaningful resource not available at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



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