

PLYMOUTH COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COALITION
MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting

Date and Time: September 11, 2012- 12 noon to 2 pm

Middleboro Town Hall 10 Nickerson Ave. Middleboro MA

Present: Eric Badger, Bob Ethier, Dale Barrows, Jeanne Spalding, Marcia Benes, Sandra Landry, Brian Gallant, Jeanne Benincasa

Agenda

Motion made by Jeanne Spalding to approve August Meeting Minutes 2nd by Dale Barrows: All in favor.

Planner Meeting - with Sandy Landry, Jeanne Benincasa and Brian Gallant - Coalition member participation was discussed. Sandy requested meeting periodically with the Exec Committee. Bob Ethier offered to have a 10am meeting next Monday in Brockton with Lou Tartaglia to assist in transition. This was tentatively scheduled.

Jeanne Spalding asked planners to come in to coordinate the planning aspect. They were asked if there were any difficulties with towns or MRC work. Middleboro MRC towns are ok with Wareham trainings – open to all MRC towns. Last year each town wanted to do their own trainings, this year are coordinating better. Sandy asked if Plympton and Halifax were coming to Wareham training.

Food at trainings

Diane said DPH will approve food purchases if associated with a training or exercise, and the timing is appropriate.

Diane said that out of 46 MRCs, 39 are on Mass Response. Previous kinks have been worked out. Jeanne Spalding will be meeting with her towns to discuss whether they want to use Mass Response now. Eric was waiting for the same reasons.

MRC Coverage among Planners : It was decided that the following division of MRCs made sense

Sandy Landry – Middleboro and Bridgewater MRCs

Brian Gallant Duxbury & Plymouth

Jeanne Benincasa – Brockton & SHAR

Brian is a planner for Plymouth, Kingston, Halifax, Whitman, Rockland, Randolph, and W. Bridgewater.

Jeanne Spalding wants to start a CERT training for the new season, but keep funding streams separate.

Diane Brown-Couture will be giving a short training on documentation for TAR credit at the Oct. 9th full coalition meeting.

Diane noted that CDC wants call downs every 3 months, not once each quarter. Also, planners should not be doing the call downs so that towns learn how to do it and have a comfort level.

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Planners will be receiving agendas for future full coalition meetings and have been encouraged to contact the Executive Committee or Host Agent if they wish to be put on any EC meeting.

Attendance listing –Abington and East Bridgewater were the only two communities of concern. Bob Ethier will reach out to those two representatives about improving attendance at meetings.

Mosquito threat - Bob Ethier asked others if they are putting out any mandatory restrictions – Response was Yes on town owned property, otherwise advisory only. According to level high protocols, there is a strong advisory that there be no evening activities. No mandate at that level. Jeanne Spalding reports people are complying on their own. She stated that people need to understand about personal protection and awareness that mosquitos are out there all day.

Jeanne wants to be consistent with the state since they were asked to revise protocols and did so. Sports teams have rearranged their schedule to avoid dusk games.

Dale Barrows said he has a 3 town regional high school, so they try to be consistent within the 3 with a dusk to dawn curfew to avoid a patchwork approach.

Bob requested training for EMT \$200 for recert training. Jeanne Spalding made a motion to approve this, with a second by Dale Barrows, all approved.

Sharps collection discussion - Jeanne Spalding reported that Ross Perry from SRPEDD is looking into how many towns are interested in a regional bid process to get an idea of volume being dealt with. Marcia Benes commented that at the LSAC meeting it was mentioned that DPH is seeking to have some additional companies included on the state vendor's list as pricing can vary tremendously. Bob Ethier noted that he applied for a Makepeace foundation for kiosk for prescription dropoff at the police department.

Jeanne got a kiosk for police to collect drugs and 2-3 times a year they have a drug collection day.

Lisa Cullity needs to send LSAC minutes to full coalition. MEB will contact her and request this. She may be unaware of this responsibility.

Next coalition meeting – discuss ipads and training resend information about training for iPads through the Apple stores.

TAR update - Diane
Vote for DPH

Budget update

Resend apple training email with request people try to do free training before October meeting.

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Nominations for Executive Committee position.- Jeanne Spalding and Bob Ethier's terms have expired.

Dale motion to adjourn at 1:35 second by Jeanne

Submitted by Marcia Benes

Signed:_____ Signature on file with MAHB

print name_____

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