



Regional Emergency Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Harrington Hospital

100 South St, Southbridge, MA 01550

Meeting Called to Order: 08:42

Attendees:

Carl Ekman	Charlton Fire/EMD	Wanda O'Connor	Harrington, Brimfield EM
Matthew Wyke	Webster EMS/Fire	Don Rivers	Harrington
William DeCouta	Schott	Kevin Shaughnessy	National Grid
Darlene Emco-Rollins	Charlton CERT/Chip In	Patty Berthiaume	Tri-Valley
Joann Griffin	CMDART, Red Cross	Sharon Thompson	Tri Valley
Ralph Harris, Sr.	Charlton Fire (retired)		

Treasurer's Report:

- No comments.
- Report accepted.

Secretary's Report:

- In the previous meeting minutes, fix the titles of Wanda O'Connor (Harrington Hospital and Brimfield Emergency Management), Matthew Wyke (Webster EMS and Webster Fire), and Elizabeth Stephens (typo).
- Minutes accepted.

Old Business:

- The current CERT class is graduating in a week or two.
 - They need volunteers for a mini disaster and CERT members.
 - They will meet at the Charlton Senior Center at 18:00

- Brimfield has been voted in as the newest member of Tri-EPIC.
 - The Tri-EPIC logo and website needs to be updated to accommodate them.
 - Brimfield needs to be brought up to date.

New Business:

- The July meeting will be cancelled.
- The HMEP grant is out. We will wait and see for now because of another grant for Harrington.
- Schott is requesting the MDU trailer for a demonstration during a health and wellness fair of theirs.
- CMDART had a large donation of animal crates. Several were given to Dudley and Southbridge Animal Control.

Tri-Valley Presentation:

- Their mission is to help seniors live in home safely.
 - They serve seniors over 60 years of age or suffering from Alzheimer's.
- They develop a care plan and then contract out.
- They meet with the people every 3-6 months to reassess.
- They coordinate with the local VNA and senior centers.
- They already have a log of at-risk individuals.
- Offer home delivered meals
- Handle all Elder Abuse cases in the region.
 - There is a central intake unit that then filters down to the regional centers.
 - Forced nursing home placement takes a court order and is a last resort. The goal is to keep people in the community.
 - There is a crisis unit within elder abuse that handles scams and evictions.
- There is also a money management assistance division (does not pay bills).

Office of Technical Assistance Presentation:

- They provide assistance to toxics users at risk of large spills by helping with reduction.
- There is a \$20k regional grant for toxic reduction from TURI.
- Program is free, confidential, and nonregulatory.
- They identify toxics hazards and reduction strategies.
 - Potential hazards due to climate change, disasters, or infrastructure failure.
- On their website, there is a map feature where you can input an address and see all hazards in the area.

Train Derailment Simulation AAR:

- Drill went very smoothly with a few take away points for improvement.
- We were unable to perform the patient reports to CMED portion of the drill.

- There was a strong recommendation to have a dispatch representative on scene at large scale incidents.
- Harrington Hospital should have two public information officers trained to handle media and communications.
- Overall, Chief Burke was very impressed.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:23

Next Meeting:

08:30, Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Harrington Hospital Conference Room

100 South St, Southbridge, MA 01550