

Tri-EPIC

Regional Emergency Planning Committee Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009 Harrington Memorial Hospital

Attendees

Bridge of Central Mass	Kathy Charette	Sbge Evening News	Gus Steeves
Central Mass Coalition	John Degnan	MSP Sturbridge	Lt. Stephen Bedard
Charlton Conserv.	Karen Gauvin	Charlton Fire EMS:	Terri Gough
Charlton Resident	(Ret) Ralph Harris	Southbridge APO	Kathy Shields
Dudley BOH/Reg II PH:	Kerry Clark	Southbridge Fire:	FF Roland LaRochelle
Dudley Fire:	Chief Jeff Phelps		Chief Dick Ciesla
Sbge:CERT	Paul Nault	Webmaster:	Lisa Westwell
Southbridge Police:	Chief Dan Charette	Sturbridge Police:	Sgt. Kevin Mercier
Sturbridge Fire:	Capt. John Marinelli	CMEMSC:	Diane Barletta
	Chief Len Senecal	Sbge BOH:	James Morin
HMH Public Safety:	Frank Leo		

Conflicts: Mike Dunn, Central Mass Homeland Security
HMH – John Hart, Linda Hart
CFD – Chief Charles Cloutier
CPD/LEPC: Carl Ekman

Meeting called to order: 08:25

Introductions:

Guest – Sue Valentine, HMH

September 09 Meeting Minutes: Approved

Old Business:

Budge Balance:

- Alternate Care Site \$1,453.75, Website \$1,500.00, Training -\$1279.62 Still waiting for one reimbursement check to come in from HSC

Radio Committee:

- Per Ralph Harris the radio work for the hospital is not completed as yet. Chief Charette will assist him in getting this project completed ASAP

Generator Update:

- Per Roland this project is nearing completion. The startup with the mfg. is set for 10-16, all warranties on the generator show start on that date. All paperwork for the generator is being kept at the armory.

Website Committee:

- Per Karen Gauvin they have had trouble meeting, but what has been completed is that the Millennium has funding the website for up to \$1500.00. The webmaster (Lisa Westwell) will charge us hourly and we should see our first invoice coming though. Also Dean Cooke of the committee had some suggestions for setting up the yahoo groups; we will be able to post minutes, email & broadcasts. The web master needs one person to be a liaison, to let her know when to put thing on the web, change information and add links. Dean has been very busy so if he is not able to be the liaison for the committee, Jim for the Sbge BOH has offered.

Full Certification:

- Terri will start the application; it is a large document and will required information from all of the towns to get it completed. Anyone who has a plan already in place if they could get her a copy so she can start the date entry. John Hart has also offered to help out in his spare time when he is feeling better. We would like this project completed by the end of the year.

Sturbridge Harvest Fest:

- Kathy & Dan Charette as well as Paul Nault have offered to man a table at this event. Terri will contact them to verify they still have space and Roland will get all needed supplies together for them to pickup at the armory.

SWEPIC:

- Per Chief Phelps there has been no movement on this group, we have offered to assist them, and they do not have anyone on their end to take the lead.

Food & Facilities:

- Carlton has verified that our conference rooms and the morning refreshments are scheduled though the end of the year.

Video Presentation:

- This was made by Paul Nault at the end of the meeting, thanks to him and to Ralph Harris for putting together the pictures. The presentation is something we can put out to anyone who has interest in our group; it certainly shows our dedication to our communities and each other. Thanks again, great job!!!

New Business:**Interim leadership:**

- A motion was made and seconded for Terri Gough & Roland Larochelle to be acting Co-Chairs to the Tri-EPIC during John & Carl's medical absence. Motion was accepted unanimously.

H1N1 Presentation:

- Sue Valentine of HMH joined us and educated us on what the hospital is doing to prepare, what their resources are and how we can assist them.
- Per Kerry Clark of Region II, they are getting ready in their community (Worcester) to start inoculations of the general public. He says that we can get both vaccines on the same day as long as they are both injections. The mist is a live virus and not recommended to be mixed with the other vaccine. Also it is suppose to be the special groups and first responders first and then the general public.
- Sue says that HMH is looking at setting up fever clinics; they will be staffed by either a nurse practitioner or a doctor, admitting clerk, nurse, nurse's assistant & security. These plans are still in development and they are looking to us for possible help with resources such as our coried volunteers and perhaps CERT members. They have actual supplies and would let us know if they felt they needed more. We also have for their use sign boards, barriers and light towers if needed.
- The local BOH's are working with the individual school systems to put together sites for giving the vaccine to students.
- Diane Barletta over a website for a resource of a book mark that their town developed for putting out to the school students.

Armory work:

- Roland is looking for assistance this coming Friday to work on cleaning out the room at the armory, which will be used as an EOC and storage for our supplies.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25

***Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009
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