



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Meeting Minutes: Western Mass. Health and Medical Coordinating Coalition

Date	1/12/18	Location	Noble Hospital conf. room	Facilitator:	Jeanne Galloway
Time	1-2 p.m.	Duration	1 Hour		

VOTING MEMBERS:

Heather Barbieri, Hospitals
 Allison Egan, Public Health
 Jeanne Galloway, Public Health
 Jennifer Estrada, Comm. Health Ctrs.
 Patricia Haner, Long-Term Care
 Jacqueline Johnson, CHC's
 John Meaney, EMS

HMCC STAFF:

Tracy Rogers
 Mark Maloni

NONVOTING MEMBERS:

Michael Nelson, MDPH
 Lucy Britton, Hospitals
 Kelly Sitek, Hospitals

GUESTS:

Agenda Items	Notes
1. Review agenda/introductions	Jeanne called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.
2. Approve minutes from November 2017 Steering Committee Meeting	Moved by Pat, seconded by Allison, to accept the November minutes as written. Passed unanimously.
3. Western/Central MA HMCC Conference	Tracy requested Steering Committee approval to dedicate funds from the current BP1 budget to contribute towards a joint one-day regional conference in collaboration with the Region 2 (Worcester County) HMCC, based on the idea to bring Jake Wood, founder of Team Rubicon, to MA to speak. Initial thinking was that these funds would be diverted from funds presented earlier in the year that could send leadership to preparedness and response conferences. Tracy indicated that it was no longer an either/or choice, as the budget could withstand both expenditures. Committee authorized a spending range to contribute towards the joint HMCC regional conference, which would be held in Region 2, and a majority of cost absorbed by the same. Bruce moved to approve a contribution range of \$5,000 to \$9,000 dollars towards a joint conference. Second by Allison; approved unanimously.
4. Western MA pediatric MCI plan	Tracy reviewed the potential to work on building a pedi-specific MCI plan, as Baystate Medical Center is the only Region 1 hospital with a pediatric trauma center. If there was an MCI event at a camp, amusement park, etc., how would all pediatric cases be moved to Springfield? Tracy's ques-

	<p>tions were what general feedback did the committee have, and what disciplines beyond hospitals and EMS should be involved?</p> <p>Lucy questioned the need for a separate plan given that WMEMS is currently working on a regional MCI plan, and counties have various states of MCI plan readiness. She suggested the planning efforts would be better focused on planning to ensure other Region 1 hospitals have the ability to stabilize and provide initial treatment for pediatric cases as opposed to focusing on case movement.</p> <p>Agreed that Tracy would talk with Steve Gaughan and Brian Andrews regarding regional MCI planning to gauge the best ways to augment those efforts.</p>
<p>5. Duty officer activations</p>	<p>Reviewed the recent weather events that have required partial activation of the Coalition.</p> <p>In the most recent January storm, HMCC duty officers piloted the use of the hospital situational awareness form towards an overall health and medical facility reporting form. Those who utilized it for reporting indicated it was a helpful tool not only for reporting, but also to indicate the potential operating implications that could/should be considered.</p> <p>HMCC staff also reviewed the Constant Contact communication modality. General feedback was good, though one stakeholder found their health system's firewalls blocked access to links. With no better options immediately available, we will continue to use Constant Contact, but will ensure the communications can also be viewed as a web page to allow user access to links.</p>
<p>6. Public health updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Flu status b) Pertussis c) UMass vaccinations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Flu – hospitals are operating with restrictions. b. Pertussis – five cases in Westfield. c. UMass meningitis EDS – Michael reported that the UMass EDS, which was stood up in November in response to a meningitis B outbreak on the Amherst campus, was completed with just under 7,000 vaccinations given. Follow up boosters are required for all students who received the initial vaccination, and University Health Services will offer times for students to receive the booster as opposed to standing up an EDS for boosters.
<p>7. DelValle Institute FY18 planning</p>	<p>Mark reviewed the Del Valle FY18 course planning tool. The tool was issued the week prior to all Steering Committee members, so this was a quick in-person refresh, as well as an affirmation that if anyone had opinions, but insufficient time to go all the way through the tool connecting course ideas to ASPR capabilities, etc., they could simply send opinions to Mark, and he would do the remainder of the work with all aggregate data. Steering Committee members and alternates are encouraged to offer feedback, and asked to submit it to Mark later than close of business on Friday, February 9th.</p>
<p>8. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<p>None.</p>

9. Wrap up and adjourn

Bruce moved to adjourn at 1:55 p.m. Heather seconded. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 27th, 2-4 p.m., Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Conference Room B.