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LEPC 6  
Minutes  
December 15, 2009

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1. The meeting was called to order at 17:45.
2. Introductions. David Dezendorf, Lisa Hecht, Jim Tonkovich, David Moore, Tim Cleveland, Herbert Meyer, Thomas Goddard, Kraig LaPorte, Pamela Corbett, Barbara Williams, Brian Alfonso, Josh O'Neill, John Angil, Dianne Champione
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.  
MOVED and seconded to approve the November 17, 2009 minutes as written. VOTE: approved.
4. Discussion of 2010 LEPC Speaker, Topics, and Goals
  - a. Josh facilitated a discussion of possible topics, speakers for our 2010 LEPC monthly meetings. In no particular order of importance, here are the results of our brainstorming session:
    - 1) Shelter Operations
    - 2) Members would like to have someone speak about the process to sign up and head down to Emmitsburg, MD for Second Semester free trainings offered at EMI.
    - 3) Crisis Communications - We discussed several subtopic areas within "Crisis Communications" such as mental health, framing messages to the media, and communication between responders. We discussed possibly having someone from HCRS give a presentation on communications relating to individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues. Also discussed having someone from FEMA Region 1 come to speak on the issue if Crisis Communications in general.
    - 4) Intelligence - This was another topic area with broad meaning and multiple interpretations. Under the law enforcement umbrella, we discussed having a discussion on scene safety, or possibly a presentation on meth labs. John Angil also mentioned the need for a Tier 2 Overview which could be given by Randy Bronson of VEM
    - 5) Josh mentioned that John Muise is willing to give a presentation on grants and loans available through the USDA for Facilities and Equipment funding for first responders.
    - 6) We discussed the need to revisit issues surrounding preparedness for animals.
    - 7) H1N1 Review. This could be in an "After Action Conference" format or Lessons Learned.
    - 8) There was discussion about doing a presentation on "What Agencies Can Offer." The idea is to have presentations by representatives from multiple agencies, this would be similar to the CBRNE presentation we had at the Putney Fire Station.
    - 9) Josh mentioned that V.O.A.D. may be an interesting topic for a meeting. VOAD stands for "Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster". They are primarily representing the faith based communities. These are

folks who would be “value added” in that they provide services and don’t need training.

10) David Moore mentioned that spending a meeting on Building Codes would be helpful. He attended the session at the VEM Annual Conference on this subject and it was worth discussion. Michael Greenia from the Division of Fire Safety gave that presentation.

11) The last item we discussed was having a follow up on Reverse 911.

5. HSU:

- a. No Report

6. VEM:

- a. John Angil stated that there has been a snag in the construction at the State EOC so that their move date will be moved back from March 2010, to September 2010.
- b. Could have some potential impact on the Ingestion Pathway Exercise in 2011. Not sure if this would impact the dates for the September 2010 Catastrophic Exercise.

7. VSP:

- a. Lt. Kraig discussed the EMT re-certification program. He will be giving a presentation for an EMT Basic Refresher which will include ICS, scene safety, and potential crime scenes. This training will occur at the Brattleboro Fire Station the evening of January 20, 2010.
- b. Kraig mentioned that he could also do this presentation for the LEPC if folks are interested.

8. VDH:

- a. Pam gave an update on H1N1 clinics. First clinics started on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Several types of clinic. Some school clinics had a threshold of 300 or more students. Those clinics were assisted by VDH staff. School clinics with less than 300 students were put on by the schools without VDH staff help.
- b. There have been 27 clinics since October 29. 2,800 students have been vaccinated. Vaccine in VT is still only for the targeted groups, although neighboring states have expanded to include general population.
- c. Several students/families opted to go to their primary care providers for the vaccine. VERVE has been invaluable with assisting the clinics.
- d. Demand for vaccine is starting to go down, however, another peak period of Influenza Like Illnesses should be expected.
- e. Jim Tonkovich showed a chart explaining the spike in calls to 211 for H1N1 related questions in October and November.

9. Training Committee:

- a. The original date for the Training and Exercise Plan Workshop (TEPW) has been moved back a week from the 21<sup>st</sup> to January 28, 2010. So please mark your calendars!! LEPC 6 Training and Exercise Plan Workshop **January 28, 2010 from 5-9pm at Brattleboro Fire Station**. Dinner will be provided!! A reminder

email will be sent in a few weeks. Please register with Andrea Hatch at [ahatch@dps.state.vt.us](mailto:ahatch@dps.state.vt.us)

- b. The Training Committee is continuing planning for an LEPC 6 Tabletop Exercise (TTX) to occur on April 10, 2010.
- c. Josh is working on scheduling an ICS 400 training for interested individuals who have already taken the ICS 300 course. Looking to schedule sometime in February. More info to come...

10. Old Business:

- a. None

11. New Business:

- a. None

12. Next Meeting:

- i. January, 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the Guilford Fire Station. Meeting will start at 5:30pm.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 20:05

Respectfully Submitted by,

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