



<b>Meeting Minutes: Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Group (MAG)</b>			
<b>Date</b>	September 6, 2016	<b>Location</b>	Dept. of Public Health 23 Service Center Rd Northampton, MA
<b>Time</b>	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Duration</b>	1.5 Hours
		<b>Facilitator</b>	Tracy Rogers
		<b>Call In #</b>	
		<b>Access code</b>	

<b>Attendees:</b> Mary Kersell, Liz Foley, Lois Luniewicz, Sandra Martin, Allison Hope, Tracy Rogers, Loren Davine, Michael Nelson, Corinne McKeown, Jeanne Galloway	
1. Review/approval of June 7, 2016 meeting minutes – Lois made a motion to approve, Sandra seconded. All in favor.	
2. Introduction to the new Health Volunteer Program Coordinator – Liz introduced herself. She spoke about some updates to the MA Responds system. Sandra asked about using MA Responds to get CORIs done quickly during an emergency. Sandra suggested that the DPH regional coordinator be able to process CORIs. There was discussion about having protocols in place. Liz is working on updating the state CORI form. Liz offered to assist folks with the MA Responds system.	
3. Old business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sheltering Residents with Substance Dependency – Loren gave an update on the project. There are five planned activities: Build partnerships, Determine needs, Write MOUs, Develop trainings, and develop a toolkit to distribute.</li> </ul>	
4. New business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Distribution of regional workshop funds – Tracy suggested she send the \$400 for workshops to each county at the start of the fiscal year, rather than reimburse folks after the money is spent. All were in agreement that made more sense.</li> <li>b. Regionalization strategy – Tracy reported she is considering closing the Franklin County Citizen Corps. She would like to merge with another group or refer volunteers to sign up for other groups within western MA. They have few active participants and are mostly doing only first aid stations at events. There was discussion about units throughout the region who are struggling and should consider merging.</li> </ul>	
5. Member reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. MAG budget update – No report.</li> <li>b. Website status- Corinne reported that she has updated the website with information about seasonal flu and preparedness month.</li> <li>c. County coordinator reports – Loren reported that the UMass MRC will be hosting its annual training for new student volunteers this week. Hilltown MRC is looking at where its unit wants to be long term. Corrine said that there are now two trained mediators thanks to the trainings we have offered. She has been running some ads in the paper. Lois said that Hampden is looking to do a countywide preparedness event. They are hoping to have a space at the Big E but have not yet heard any confirmation.</li> <li>d. WAG and WRHSAC report – No report.</li> <li>e. MRC Statewide Steering Committee report – There is a meeting later this month.</li> <li>f. HMCC update – No report.</li> </ul>	
Meeting adjourned at 10:55am.	
Submitted by Michael Nelson	