



Meeting Minutes: Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Group (MAG)			
Date	October 3, 2017	Location	Dept. of Public Health 23 Service Center Rd Northampton, MA
Time	12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Duration	1.5 Hours
		Facilitator	Tracy Rogers
		Call In #	
		Access code	

Agenda Items – Jeanne Galloway, Tracy Rogers, Michael Nelson, Mary Kersell, Robert Quinn-O’Connor, Lois Luniewicz, Corinne McKeown	
1.	Review/approval of September 5, 2017 meeting minutes – Lois clarified one point regarding all consolidating MRC units dissolving. Mary made a motion to approve, Robert seconded. All in favor.
2.	Old business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Consolidation of units – Four of the five merging Hampden County units went live as one unit on October 1. The East Longmeadow unit is no longer merging. They are moving into the fire department.
3.	New business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Consider joining the MRC Assn. – The cost is \$50 per year per unit. It allows units to use the 501(c)(3) status. b. EMAC requests – There was an EMAC request for MRC volunteers for response that came in late in the day on a Friday. Lois expressed uncertainty about how the process all works. Liz Foley will be working on guidelines for this. c. Report back from state Steering Committee on funding formula – Corinne reported that the state funding formula would remain as it is for now, which amounts to appx. \$93,000 per region. Mary stated it would be appreciated if there was a competitive grant again. d. Capacity building project – Mary suggested we consider some future projects, such as spontaneous volunteers, volunteer reception centers, behavioral health, simulation deck.
4.	Member reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. MAG budget update – No report. b. County coordinator reports – Corinne reported that she has a group playing the animal sheltering game to-night. Robert is supporting county flu clinics with MRC volunteers. Mary reported Hampshire County is working on the unit merger, as well as supporting flu clinics with volunteers. Lois reported that the Skywarn training is scheduled for October 16. She is looking to schedule an event with real-world event responders sharing their experiences. c. WAG and WRHSAC report – Michael gave an update about the WAG meeting earlier in the day. The WAG is working on updating the principles of operation for selecting public health reps for the HMCC. Mary Kersell has been recommended as the backup rep for public health rep for WRHSAC, as Tracy is no longer able to participate because of a conflict of interest. d. HMCC update – Jeanne reported there was no quorum at the last meeting so not a lot of business was able to move forward. Mark is following up with members who did not attend to remind them of the importance of these meetings.
Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm. Minutes submitted by Michael Nelson	