



Meeting Minutes: Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Group (MAG)			
Date	November 7, 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	

Attendees: Mary Kersell, Corinne McKeown, Allison Egan, Michael Nelson, Tracy Rogers, Stephanie Bozigian-Merrick, Robert Quinn O'Connor, Loren Davine, Lois Luniewiecz	
1.	Review/approval of October 3, 2017 meeting minutes – Lois made a motion to approve, Mary seconded. All in favor.
2.	<p>Old business</p> <p>a. Consolidation of units – Lois reported that four of the units merged into the Central Hampden unit. They are preparing to post for the coordinator position. Lois had a meeting with the Ludlow Board of Health and they are potentially interested in joining the merged unit. Loren reported that Hampshire County is moving forward with the merge of their four units into one unit with different divisions. They will merge on November 15 and be named Hampshire County MRC.</p> <p>b. Closing Franklin County unit – Tracy reported that they only have a few volunteers who respond when needed. Robert and Phoebe Walker had a call with Liz Foley from OPEM. Robert said that Liz suggested they slow down a bit as OPEM is looking into this issue statewide. Robert said that FRCOG is having discussions about splitting the County and sending towns to neighboring units (e.g. southern Franklin towns to Hampshire County). They are also discussing having another agency take over the entire unit, such as a local board of health.</p>
3.	<p>New business</p> <p>a. NACCHO Capacity building project – There are three levels of grant funding available - \$2500, \$7500, and \$12,500. There was discussion about possible projects and who might apply.</p> <p>b. Puerto Rico deployment – Tracy presented about her deployment to Puerto Rico.</p>
4.	<p>Member reports</p> <p>a. MAG budget update – No report.</p> <p>b. County coordinator reports - Corinne and Allison are working on the project that builds COAD capacity. They are focusing on the online training and interactive components as well as social media. They have four therapy dogs on the team now with their human volunteers. Lois has a Hampden County fall meeting this Thursday. Deb Schaier and Stephanie B-M will be presenting on their deployment to Florida. Hampden also had a Skywarn training with 62 attendees. Loren said Hampshire units have been helping with flu clinics. There are two winter weather driving trainings for seniors scheduled in South Hadley and Southampton. Robert reported that Franklin County has just completed assisting with flu clinics.</p> <p>c. WAG and WRHSAC report – No report</p> <p>d. HMCC update – No report</p>
Meeting adjourned at 2pm.	
Minutes submitted by Michael Nelson	