



Meeting Minutes: Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Group (MAG)			
<b>Date</b>	January 2, 2018	<b>Location</b>	Dept. of Public Health 23 Service Center Rd Northampton, MA
<b>Time</b>	12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Duration</b>	1.5 Hours
		<b>Facilitator</b>	Tracy Rogers
		<b>Call In #</b>	
		<b>Access code</b>	

<b>Attendees:</b> Loren Davine, Lois Luniewicz, Michael Nelson, Stephanie Bozigian-Merrick, Tracy Rogers, Robert Quinn O'Connor, Corinne McKeown	
1.	Review/approval of November 7, 2017 meeting minutes – Lois made a motion to approve, Robert seconded. All in favor.
2.	<p>Old business</p> <p>a. Consolidation of units – Loren reported that the merge of the four units was official as of Jan 1. She has been working with Liza from MA Responds to update info in that system. Lois reports she is waiting to hear back from Ludlow regarding joining Central Hampden MRC.</p> <p>b. Closing Franklin County unit – FRCOG will definitely be closing the unit. Both Berkshire and Hampshire County are potentially interested in taking the Franklin towns. Corinne said that if they were to take over the unit, she would be interested in having someone in place who would be focused on that unit. There was discussion about what role the person might have. Loren noted that regardless of who takes the money, it doesn't change the fact that there doesn't seem to be volunteer enthusiasm in the County. She was concerned with the low return on investment for holding trainings for a minimal amount of people. Stephanie noted it would be helpful to have an overall vision of what the program would look like in the County. Tracy would like the organization to be something that the fire chiefs have great confidence in, and would reach out to for support. Tracy will ask Berkshire and Hampshire counties to submit a proposal to her describing how they would serve Franklin County and how much it would cost them to do so. Perhaps the \$22,000 Franklin County receives currently wouldn't need to entirely go with whatever unit took on Franklin County volunteers.</p> <p>Lois reported that, at the last Statewide Steering Committee meeting, DPH reported that they're still deciding how future funding will be allocated. Therefore, no one can guarantee that the unit taking on Franklin County towns will receive \$22,000 anyway.</p> <p>c. Capacity building project – Corinne reported that the project has been challenging. The project was to build the COADs by inviting COAD members to join the MRC. Lois reported her grant has also been challenging with portions taking longer than expected, but is moving forward.</p>
3.	<p>New business</p> <p>a. None</p>
4.	<p>Member reports</p> <p>a. MAG budget update – No report</p> <p>b. County coordinator reports – Loren hosted two winter weather trainings with Councils on Aging. UMass hosted the meningitis clinics. Corinne had some info about winter weather in the local paper. Berkshire DART is holding a food drive. The numbers are down this year. She is looking into finding meaningful activities for folks. Lois is meeting next month with her group. Robert has a meeting later this month and will have a speaker come to present about working with people with autism.</p> <p>c. WAG and WRHSAC report – No report</p> <p>d. HMCC update – No report</p>

5. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting - None

Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm

Minutes submitted by Michael Nelson