

Meeting Minutes: Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Group (MAG)

Date April 3, 2018 Location Dept. of Public Health

23 Service Center Rd

Northampton, MA

**Duration** 1.5 Hours

**Facilitator** Tracy Rogers

Call In #

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**Attendees**: Tracy Rogers, Michael Nelson, Corinne McKeown, Lois Luniewiecz, Robert Quinn-O'Connor, Tammy Spencer, Erica Johnson, Laura Kittross, Heather Barbieri, Loren Davine

1. Review/approval of March 6, 2018 meeting minutes – Lois made a motion to accept, Robert seconded. All in favor.

## 2. Old business

Time

a. MAG Policy & Procedure Manual – Loren reported that the County Coordinators have been working on updating the document. Each CoCo took a section of the document to work on. The volunteer registration section was one area that needed to be changed as well as a few other areas. Members made suggestions for minor changes. Lois made a motion to approve the manual as amended, Corinne seconded. All in favor.

## 3. New business

a. Report from statewide MRC meeting – There was discussion about the funding formula for MRCs in FY19. Folks felt that the proposed formulas were confusing and that there's never been an issue in our region. The conversation led to a desire to keep the current funding formula in our region (1/4 to each county) and there are plenty of reasons to justify it as working best for us. Further discussion of the FY19 budget and justification was tabled until the group receives more instruction from DPH.

## 4. Member reports

a. MAG budget update - No updates.

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

- b. County coordinator reports Corinne has an orientation dinner tomorrow night with 20 folks. Many of them are therapy dog handlers. Allison will be coming to discuss EDS operations and family reunification. Loren reported that Hampshire had an opioid talk last month that was well attended. They also assisted Smith College with their meningitis response. The DART team is doing a training tonight. On April 19 there is a full scale sheltering exercise at Smith Vocational School. There are 120 MRC volunteers attending so far, which includes junior and senior nursing students. They are also doing first aid at Extravaganja. Lois reported that Hampden County has scheduled CISD on Sat, May 5. They are awaiting approval from DPH. She is also working on a date to schedule a training with Stephanie B-M to talk about Category A agents. Robert reported that Franklin had an MRC 101 for the amateur radio club. There is planning going on for a shelter exercise in Montague. They have been asked to do a training for LifePath on emergency preparedness.
- c. WAG and WRHSAC report No report
- d. HMCC update There is a coalition surge test at the end of the month. Due to space limitations, only hospital representatives and HMCC Steering Committee members are invited. Next year she will be hiring a third person for the HMCC due to a mandate from DPH and reinstituting the Training & Exercise and Planning subcommittees.
- 5. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting The meeting adjourned to join the MRC

well check webinar, where Corinne was given an award for her mentorship with the MRC program.

6. Meeting adjourned at 2pm.

Meeting minutes submitted by the Michael Nelson