



Meeting Minutes: Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Group (MAG)			
Date	November 6, 2018	Location	Dept. of Public Health 23 Service Center Rd Northampton, MA
Time	12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Duration	1.5 Hours
		Facilitator	Mark Maloni
		Call In #	
		Access code	

- Attendees:** Lois Luniewicz, Mark Maloni, Michael Nelson, Loren Davine, Tammy Spencer, Stephanie Bozigian-Merrick, Corinne McKeown, PJ Simeone, Carmela Lanza-Weil
1. Review/approval of September 4, 2018 meeting minutes – One change to correct Lois’s name spelling. Loren moved to approve, Lois seconded. All in favor.
 2. Old business
 - a. Medical needs in shelters – Lois expressed concerns that it should not fall upon the MRC to be responsible for planning around how these would be met. Hospitals see MRC as having a larger role in this as is reality. This is not within the scope of MRC. Mark will report this to Tracy so she can funnel this up the chain so that decision-makers will be made aware. This is about sheltering plans, which fall to the EMDs of each municipality.
 3. New business
 - a. ASSERT – PJ is a speech pathologist and works with children with autism and the group Autism Service Support for Emergency Response Teams. The goal is to better prepare responders for working/communicating with this subgroup. They look for strategies to respond to behaviors. Corinne sees this as a great opportunity for the MRC. It would also aid with recruitment. PJ is looking for the MRC to help build up and attend the trainings. There is potential grant funding coming in the near future. The funding would cover the first year of building out a regional team. PJ envisions putting the trainings out there to gather interested parties and get people involved. The training is currently a one-day training; he envisions it as moving towards multiple trainings including those that can be viewed online. Currently PJ is focusing a lot on children, but wants to expand further to all ages. He asked for suggestions for any other groups who may be interested. Franklin, Hampshire and Berkshire will work on setting up a date for spring trainings. The training was recently held in Hampden County. *(PJ and Stephanie were here for just this portion of the meeting.)*
 - b. Deliverable #8 – This deliverable requires the group review the policy manual annually. Loren suggested we come up with a plan for updating. The group agreed to look it over individually and reconvene in February to discuss.
 4. Member reports
 - a. County coordinator reports – Lois reported that Hampden County is sponsoring a three part “You are the Help til Help Arrives”. There were 26 people who attended the first course. The net class is hands only CPR. The third part is Stop the Bleed on December 20. Corinne reported that Berkshire MRC partnered to host a business resiliency lunch over the summer. Info about this will be included in the national MRC newsletter. They will be having ASSERT training in the near future. Loren reported that they just completed an MRC call down drill. There is a MA Responds training tomorrow. At UMass there have been a variety of trainings. MRC is aiding with flu clinics.
 - b. WAG and WRHSAC report – Michael reported that the WAG is working on incorporating EID into EDS planning. The group is also looking into refrigeration capabilities in the region. Additionally the PHEP coalitions are working on JRAs.

- c. HMCC Update - Mark reported that there will be an Operationalizing ICS class in the spring. The HMCC hired a new staff member – Xander Sylvain. Mark is planning to work more with behavioral health in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 2pm.