



Meeting Meetings: Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Group (MAG)			
Date	January 8, 2019	Location	Dept. of Public Health 23 Service Center Rd Northampton, MA
Time	11:00 am – 12:30 p.m.	Duration	1.5 Hours
		Facilitator	Tracy Rogers
		Call In #	
		Access code	

Agenda Items	
1.	Attendees: Michael Nelson, Tracy Rogers, Tammy Spencer, Chris Goshea, Corinne McKeown, Lois Luniewicz, Carmela Lanza-Weil, Allison Egan, Loren Davine (via telephone)
2.	Review/approval of November 6, 2018 meeting minutes – Lois motioned to accept, Corinne seconded. All in favor.
3.	Old business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Statewide gap analysis – Lois reported that the state MRC contractor Regina Villa shared the results of a survey at the last statewide meeting. The survey looked into current perceptions of the MRC, desired outcomes of regions, and supplement quarterly report data. Across all regions similar results emerged. Having volunteers able to deploy is the most critical. A lack of volunteers is detrimental to being able to do this. Liability issues also continue to be a concern. There are also issues with travel and entities wanting to engage MRCs into their response.
4.	New business None
5.	Member reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. County coordinator reports – Lois reported that they have wrapped up their You are the Help Til Help Arrives series. There were 20-25 people at each of the trainings. They are working on putting together a Narcan training. They anticipate doing the three course series again in the spring in a different part of the county. Hampden and Wilbraham have joined the Central Hampden MRC team. They are looking for a new leader for that team. Carmela reported that they are scheduling quarterly meetings. They are having a Narcan training. They have an ASSERT training on 9/16 in Franklin County. A newsletter is going to be sent out soon. Corinne reported that they have been working on finding trainers for volunteers. They are looking to have a conflict resolution training. There has been a radio campaign about weather preparedness. She is in the process of re-badging of all Franklin volunteers. Corrine has been having trouble with volunteers not receiving emails from MA Responds. It is suspected that they are going into spam. There has also been discussion about social media and whether there should be a county MRC Facebook page. Or perhaps a western region one. There was discussion about having Red Cross training. They are also cleaning up the MA Responds volunteer lists. b. WAG and WRHSAC report – Allison reported that they are working on a pediatric surge plan. They are working on getting people to reply to FNSS survey questions. She is working on a project proposal for emerging infectious diseases.
6.	Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.