

Minutes for North Central Wisconsin-Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (NCW-HERC)

Region 2 Public Health Meeting

Friday, September 6, 2019

9:00 – 12:00 PM

Attendees: Michelle Edwards, Chelsea Onchuck, Kristin Bath, Kim Cox, Leanne Valliere, Tammi Boers, Laurel Dreger, Robbie Deede, Sue Kunferman, Kathy Alft, Rebecca Lohagen, Marta McMillian, Patty Krug, Michelle Cahoon, Joe Cordova, Holli Denton, Brittany Mews, Mindy Bums, Becky Mroczenski, Shelly Herseil, Mary Fay-Shields, Jamie Koth, Lori Kawalski, Gary Garske, Joan Theurer, Katie Hampson, Melony Tatge

Agenda Item	Lead	Notes
Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Overview - Identify other topics for today's meeting	Robbie Deede	- Robbie facilitated meeting. No additions to agenda.
DHS Preparedness & NCW-HERC Updates - Psychological First Aid Training - Mass Gathering Planning Medical Care Administrative Code Chapter DHS 110 - Other	Joe Cordova or Robbie Deede	- Joe from DHS provided report (Kim Cox was also in attendance). Planning for DNC in Milwaukee in July 2020. Looking at number of people available to assist if something occurs during the convention. Looking to set WEAVR up so local administrators can see everyone registered; not just those in their jurisdiction. Need strike teams for PODs should they be needed. Will be asking people to sign up. May be addition strike teams for people to sign up for. Prepping for family assistance center, temporary morgue, etc. - Psychological First Aid courses available; Robbie working on setting up for Region 2. - Mary Fay-Shields from American Red Cross attended the meeting. Robbie shared contact info. - Robbie reported on Mass Gathering/DHS 110. There are significant changes related to EMS piece. Mass casualty planning is required for any event expecting 5,000 or more attendees. Robbie has a 2-page guidance document/checklist for this type of planning. EMS agency that is contracted with the event is to send the plan to the state 14 days prior to the event. Once the statute is finalized, a letter will go to all licensed EMS providers. Our HERC has pre-identified best practices (NAEMSP) and resources that will be helpful for this event planning. Robbie can assist with plan development. This will help assure situational awareness for all core members for these types of events: PH, Hospitals, EM and EMS. - Large gathering medical plan – Looking to potentially hold a regional workshop to assist counties in developing a template plan. - HERC Region 2 training plan and the budget have been developed. Closed PODs, FACs, and vulnerable populations will be discussed in the near future. There is funding set aside for three regional gatherings (FAC full-scale, vulnerable pops, and closed POD development).
Closed PODS	Robbie Deede	- Joan reported that they met with Aspirus and Ascension in mid-June. Aspirus will be bringing forward the template to their legal counsel. They intend to have one agreement that will work

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on securing Closed POD MOUs with health care systems (Aspirus, Ascension, Marshfield Clinic Health System) - Confirm next steps to further work in securing closed PODs with health care systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Share plans/timeline for hosting a closed POD workshop o Determine what additional technical assistance is needed 	<p>Joan Theurer Sue Kunferman</p>	<p>for all clinics/systems for Aspirus. Ascension is a national system, which makes it a bit more challenging. Awaiting a response for plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sue reported that she met with Brenda from MCHS and shared the POD MOU a few months ago. Brenda was going to bring the MOU up the chain of command. Awaiting a response. - There is funding set aside for a tabletop/workshop in Region 2. Robbie sought input on how to roll out the regional workshop for finalizing MOUs for closed PODs. Joan suggested walking through the closed POD toolkit and how it would roll out under the MOU and make sure things are clear, functional, and nothing is missing. Looking at doing this potentially in April 2020. - Lori Kawalski from Portage County indicated that they have a closed POD agreement with UW Stevens Point.
<p>Disaster Reception/Family Assistant Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share key takeaways for public health from the Family Assistance Center Full-Scale Exercise held on May 9th - Identify interest in assisting in updating the Disaster Reception/Family Assistance Center Plan 	<p>Robbie Deede Oneida County Participating Agencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key takeaways are on the HERC website under “Previous Meetings”. The AAR has been shared and is posted to the PCA portal and the partner page on the HERC website. - Wood County volunteered to hold the next functional FAC exercise. This will entail holding a tabletop first and a functional to follow. The FAC plan will be updated by January 2020, so changes and lessons learned from the Oneida County exercise will be tested during the Wood County exercise. Looking to hold this in early June. - Robbie recruited volunteers to assist in updating the FAC plan.
<p>Risk Planning for Vulnerable Populations (Access and Functional Needs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check-in as to utilizing draft template plan and resources (Empower Mapping Tool) shared at April’s meeting - Share plans/timeline to further Functional Needs (COIN) plans (table top/workshop) 	<p>Chelsea Onchuck Becky Mrozinski Robbie Deede</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many agencies have vulnerable populations plans, but they haven’t been updated recently. Lincoln County has updated their plan using the template. They will share their plan with the group. Counties are encouraged to update their plans and meet with partners to review the plans. The HERC will have a regional meeting (held locally/virtually) to bring partners to the table in a tabletop/workshop format to dig into data and get it into our plans. Targeting January for COIN workshop. - January 22-23 is the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference in Stevens Point.
<p>July Storms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share key takeaways in public health’s response 	<p>Robbie Deede All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counties reported out on storm activity, large festivals, and water contamination, and other emergencies they have been involved in. Lessons learned were shared as well as positives and areas for improvement. - One key takeaway is to have key contact lists downloaded in case the internet goes down so contacts can be found quickly.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify opportunities to strengthen preparedness plans at local and regional level 		
<p>Potpourri of Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On-call Response Team - Tribes Mutual Aid Agreements with Local Health Departments - American Red Cross staff change - Gary Horse Strategies, Pittsville Preparedness Consultant services - National Preparedness month activities and resources (Ready.gov, Do1thing.com, Safehome.org) - Upcoming Trainings / Exercises - Check-in as to WebEOC / EMResource(WI-TRAC) - Other 	Robbie Deede	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The HERC has an on call response team available to assist locals in the event of an emergency. Robbie is the primary contact during office hours. Oneida Co dispatch has the call down list for after-hours response. - Establishing tribal MAAs has been identified as a high priority for our region and Robbie is available to provide assistance. - Mary Fay-Shields is our new American Red Cross representative. Robbie has shared her contact information. Mary is working on getting around to each county. - Gray Horse Strategies has preparedness consultant services available. Ty Zastava is the consultant available. - National Preparedness month activities were discussed. Public preparedness is one of the best things communities can have in place to help in recovering from an emergency. See websites (left) for resources. - Trainings and Exercises – There is a critical incident training in Forest County and a Cyber Security one in Wausau coming up. IMATS training October 3 in Wausau. All trainings are posted on the HERC website. 312 Senior Officials workshop in Marathon County Dec. 4. Several additional trainings have been requested and are working through the process (preparing for sporting events and large gatherings, large care infectious disease for rural counties). - Eric Anderson is the new systems person at OPEC. He’s doing an overhaul to EMResource. Working on pairing EMResource and WISCOM.
Roundtable	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oneida: Planning for flu season. - Wood: Enbridge pipeline full-scale exercise in a couple weeks. - Robbie: Coalition Surge Test will be held this year. Northern most facilities will be looking to go down and out for evacuation. There are some Ebola funds earmarked for Marathon County Medical Examiner’s Office. Backup plan for Ebola funds would be for large capacity autoclaves as a strategy for mitigating category A infections waste. - Langlade: Recruiting a health officer; planning for flu clinics; recovering from July storm. - Vilas: Has received some flu vaccine and preparing for clinics; posted a community health coordinator/public health nurse position. - Red Cross: Many folks are deployed south dealing with the hurricane response. - Lincoln: Wrapping up legionella outbreak; implemented stop the bleed; flu mass clinic being planned. - Price: Preparing for flu clinics; working on county-wide hazard mitigation plan; plan to start the stop the bleed campaign. - Marathon: Partnering with North Central Healthcare to do a mass flu clinic with their staff as an exercise for health department staff.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clark: Health Officer went to West Allis as their Health Commissioner. Brittany Mews is the new Health Officer; other staffing changes but are at full staff now; flu clinics coming up; have a Family Assistance Center workgroup working on a FAC plan. - Forest: Working on FAC MOUs; no flu vaccine yet; working on FAC plan. - Taylor: Two new nurses; conducted an assessment for weather radios and received a mini-grant for weather radios for day care centers, LTCs, village halls, libraries, etc.; working on stop the bleed campaign. - Portage: Mass fatality training in June with UWSP; accidental mercury exposure at a private home; Lori is retiring in February and they are working on succession planning.
Next Meeting	All	- February 7, 2019 from 9-12 in Merrill.