

EPR/LPC 1/31/18 - Board of Supervisors

In Attendance:

J'nelle Oxford	Warren County PH
Dan Durkee	Warren County PH
Laura Stebbins	Glens Falls Hospital
Autumn Aubrey	New Visions Medical Student
Donna Gortan	Hudson Headwaters Health Network
Shirley Dumont	SAIL
James Phalin	DHS
Pete Owen	DHS
Donald James	ARC/SkyWarn/RACES
Amy Hirsch	Warren County OES
Timothy Carota	The Pines
Mike Arthur	NYS DOT
Evan Seyboth	NYS DOT
James Schrammel	Warren County Hazmat, Glens Falls Fire
Tammie DeLorenzo	Warren County HS
Valerie Whisenant	Warren County HS
Micki Guy	Warren County OES
Kathy Jo McIntyre	Washington County PH
Roger Ellis	NYSDAM-AI
Pat Rivers	DHSES/OEM
Dan Connor	DHSES/OEM
Jill Guillet	NGEIC

Dan Durkee called the meeting to begin at 9:05AM

\*Introductions for around the room for those who are new\*

If there are any announcements or trainings we would like to put out to the group, please send to Amy or Dan.

Dan discusses agenda and then begins the agency updates;

Laura Stebbins:

**WARREN COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE  
GLENS FALLS HOSPITAL**

**January 31, 2018 Report**

**GFH 2018 Hazardous Vulnerability Analysis (HVA)**

The annual development of the HVA includes: weather predictions from the NWS, Public Health updates, crime statistics, facility construction plans/projects, Joint Commission, DOH, CMS, CDC information, and 2017 events/exercises/tabletop outcomes/lessons learned. The Glens Falls Hospital HVA identifies potential emergencies and the direct and indirect effects these emergencies may have on the organization operations and the demand for our services. The Glens Falls Hospital (GFH) HVA is reviewed annually by the Emergency Management Committee and revised as needed. The HVA is brought to the Warren County Emergency Preparedness Committee in January for review and any recommendations. This group reviews the monthly tabletop schedule based on the HVA or regulatory recommendations. The GFH HVA analysis includes the current Warren and Washington County Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA). Update of CEPA completed March 2017.

The GFH Pediatric Emergency Response Team provides an additional modified HVA specific to pediatric population to identify exercises and education needs.

The GFH off campus sites provide individual HVAs. Each site includes vulnerabilities/assets specific to their location and/or population served.

## 2018 Review:

### Information Technology

- Globally, disruption of information systems both intentional (cyberterrorism, ransomware) and unintentional (weather, power loss) are major vulnerabilities. The impact on hospitals/healthcare as an essential service, would directly impact patient care & continuity of operations. The risk was increased due to continual ransomware incidents nationally, and the impact increased due to the reliance on IT for all healthcare services. The preparedness planning includes the designation of an IT work group to complete an individual IT HVA and revise the current IT Annex. Probability increased from 0.3 to 1, Life Safety 9.5 and impact across the board to 9.5.
- External power interruption event 11/16 identified need to improve generator capability in IT building. Generator installed.

### Weather

- Northeast El Nino weather patterns are monitored by NWS. There is not a need to modify the current weather hazards listed on the GFH HVA

### Infrastructure/Facility

- 96 hours without external support as identified by work group (refer to 96 hour resource matrix). Well installed in 2017 for non-potable water decreasing physical plant impact from 7.5 to 1.5. Water supply failure reduced from 0.5 to 0.3 for same reason
- Internal fire-fully sprinklered

### Security

- Workplace violence slightly decreased from 1-0.8 based on new lock down of entry points and the initiation of NAPPI (non-abusive psychological and physical interventions) training.
- National statistics regarding increasing acts of violence

### Resources

- Pharmacy monitors critical supply shortage of medications. Increasing medication shortages including emergency preparedness drugs (Chempack and antibiotics for Anthrax) that are outdated but advised by the CDC/DOH to maintain due to potential extended shelf life. This was verified at regional Medical Countermeasure (MCM) training. Shortage of IV supplies due to Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria impacting all hospitals nationally. Probability increased from 0.6 to 1; Staffing impact increased from 1.5 to 3, economic increased from 7.5 to 9.5. The NYSDOH requested all NYS hospitals complete a resource survey weekly starting 1/12 due to critical IV shortage and the increasing flu outbreak with hospital surge.
- Top 4 HVA: loss of IT, mass casualties (probability), evacuation (impact), weather (probability)
- Individual HVA for 29 off campus sites
- No revisions to pediatric focused HVA
- HVA consistent with tabletop and exercises planned for 2018

## 2018 Tabletops

1/17 Behavioral Health project – **construction site incident**; impact on in-patient & out-patient BH services

2/21 Hospital **Evacuation** –follow up to January Coalition Surge Exercise lessons learned

- 3/21 Ransomware** incident –impact on main hospital and off campus sites
- 4/18 Active Shooter-** Mass Casualty Incident (MCI)
- 5/16 Flooding** – limited access to healthcare & other essential services; impact on off campus sites.
- 6/20 Pediatric** Mass Casualty Incident (MCI)
- 7/18** Explosion in the Boiler Room –**Loss of essential services**
- 8/15 Rail car** incident (Geographic Response Plan)
- 9/19 White powder** incident at the Municipal Center (Warren & Washington Counties)
- 10/17 Nursing Home/Long Term Care** Facility incident
- 11/21** No tabletop
- 12/19** No tabletop

## Exercises

- 1/4 Winter Storm Grayson – 96 hour resources; off campus plans
- Please contact Laura Stebbins if your agencies are planning exercises or would like to participate in GFH exercises.
- **4/3** Public Health Medical Countermeasures
- 1/23 Coalition Surge Test exercise

## Coalition Surge Test Exercise

The NYSDOH low notice exercise scenario: 3 large regional hospitals (Ellis, CVPH, Bassett) needed to evacuate their facilities within 4 hours due to severe weather resulting in roof collapse and flooding in the buildings. The remaining 24 regional hospitals needed to determine their capability to accept their patients. Glens Falls Hospital successfully participated in the exercise with support from several county agencies at this meeting:

Warren County Office of Emergency Services (OES), Warren County Public Health (PH), Washington County OES, Washington County PH, RACES, EMS, and local Nursing Homes. WCOES notified RACES, testing that capability. RACES went to several sites to test interoperable communication including 2 schools (Alternate Care Site) plan, County building, Broad Street. 7 of 11 Nursing Homes contacted would have provided 60 beds as part of the Hospital to Nursing Home Decompression project. The 3 TV monitor screen in the Hospital Command Center successfully projected real time Bed Management reports for GFH, showed ICS form 213, and GFH Patient Access tested eFINDS (NYSDOH electronic tracking system of patients when hospitals or nursing homes are evacuated) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> screen. Lesson learned – GFH will be providing eFINDS training/review with area Nursing Homes and schedule exercise post training. GFH off campus sites tested their surge capability at their individual sites to support the GFH decompression plan. ***Thank you so much to the participating agencies. Our county is well prepared due to the strong partnerships we have as a community.***

## Regional Healthcare Coalition 2017/2018

- Pediatric resource survey developed by Pediatric Work Group. Follow up to 2012 NYSDOH survey to determine if initial gaps resolved or additional resources need to be allocated. Date of distribution to all regional hospitals via Survey Monkey - **February**.
- **5/24** Pediatric Emergency Preparedness Work Group

Work group is planning another seminar May 24th, at the Albany School of Public Health

## Education

- 1/12 eFINDS patient tracking process in the event of a hospital or nursing home evacuation
- 1/18 Provider Partnership in Emergency Preparedness
- 2/9 Disaster Mental Health annual training for GFH & County team
- GFH Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) and 29 support annexes reviewed/revised to reflect lessons learned in 2017 and 2018 HVA

### Agency Updates:

Tim Carota – The Pines – As with Laura, his organization as well participated in the Coalition Surge Test (CST). They had 0 beds; however for them this brought up what entails a bed? Does it need to be a room or can it be beds in like a dining hall with beds etc.? Working on what determines a bed because they do have extra beds but in respect to the surge they did not have physical rooms open. Also testing E-Finds system, have the bracelets and computer and ready to test a drill, not with actual patients, just with the bracelets.

Mike Arthur - DOT – Relatively quiet season so far in regards to plowing, more flooding scenarios have been dealt with from their agency. They will continue to need to monitor ice jams as things start to soften up, however they are starting summer work plan and moving forward. Dan Durkee asked Mike if there have been any plans put in place if an event required the interstate to be closed and traffic diverted. Mike mentioned there is a state plan and DOT will see if those plans can be shared out. Mike currently is working for Saratoga and Warren County is working to replace his position, they did just finish interviews last week and he hopes within the month someone will be in the position that he can bring up to speed.

Evan Seyboth – NYSDOT – He is replacing Steve – nothing more to add to Mike’s Update

James Schrammel – Participated in a HAZMAT drill in Fort Covington, it was challenging because it’s a seven county HAZMAT drill - seven teams brought together for one drill, huge geographical area being covered when dealing with seven counties. Recently did the After Action Report - some trainings that will need to be taken care of in the next year, county levels may be doing something different between each other but they need to get all on the same page. Need to make sure everyone works together and will be doing training in the coming 6 months to 1 year to make sure everyone is using at least the same standardized processes and procedures, wording etc. For this drill in Fort Covington, they did use a third party contractor to provide for the exercise, which did help, it worked out well - quality of exercise was better with that - a little easier. Would like to do more exercises but try and break them up a little - smaller scale exercises such as working with Warren/Washington, instead of only the large scale. The seven county ones are just too difficult to get off the ground. Have had contact with Finch paper last fall to do a table top, currently on hold but originally was supposed to go through end of November. Tabletop was supposed to be geared towards the management side.

Dan Durkee – Warren County PH: Up on the screen - the flu updates sent by the state - includes Wadsworth lab and CDC tracking, this report was sent on 1/20/18 and covered the previous week, 28% increase in reported cases of flu - every county is well over the baseline of 3.1% most are running at 8% baseline. Noted that this is NY only, the city and state, it is broken out by regions as well. The Capital District falls somewhere in the middle for rates within all the regions, which is typical. Flu strain A seems to be the big type thus far. There was a Conference call Monday to discuss this year’s vaccine efficacy - 30-40% effective at this point however that is better than nothing. It seems that heart attacks are following this flu - people seem to be suffering heart attacks for those who were also previously infected with this flu strain. The flu is rampant - the meds available are out there and effective, they are working this year, there have not been any resistance.

Pat Auer will be retiring late March possibly early April. Will keep everyone updated as things develop and change, there will be new leadership we just don’t know when in an official component.

April 3rd is our mass prophylaxis campaign, this year the set time will be 9:30am with a 2 hour window of vaccination. It is as full scale as we can get it, so we will be doing staff assembly, volunteer, throughput, set up, break down, etc. It is region wide, so counties cannot even help other counties as volunteers for throughput.

\*General flu vaccine discussion in regards to CDC recommendations and suggestions, coverage percentage, efficacy peak, problems with next year because we will have people who don’t realize the benefits since efficacy was down this year etc.\*

Donna Gortan - HHHN – they have had 50 positive cases of flu a week between employees and patients, struggling a little bit but hanging in there. Also updated their Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) and after reaching out to different departments, they have decided they need to be better prepared with workplace violence, it isn't a matter of IF, but a matter of when will it happen with active shooters and they need to be prepared. They went on a national webinar in particular with health care facilities, and noticed that when you have a center full of vulnerable patients, run hide fight doesn't necessarily help, many rooms don't lock so barricading in will be difficult, will start educating and doing mock drills for facilities and organizations within communities to see if they would like to help and participate.

Shirley Dumont- SAIL: Southern ADK - invited local nursing facilities to their core planning group for emergency preparedness meeting to discuss their resources and services. Nursing homes discussed forwarding their emergency plans to Amy Hirsh at OES for review. She also mentioned in relation to the CST drill that their agency does have a surplus of hospital beds in a warehouse in Hudson Falls, so if in the event they could be of help – however they would need to discuss the transportation components of that. Hoping to ask Scott Sopczyk to attend their next meeting in April, since Hudson Falls transportation has many accessible vehicles - ambulances are great for people who are bed ridden but for those in wheelchairs with not such restrictions will need another plan put in place from a transportation stand.

Tammy DeLorenzo- Warren County HS – She participated in the CST drill for homecare, it was mainly data entry, wasn't a lot of participation necessary. They were able to test if everyone got alerts, important that they were all able to receive the alerts even if they were all at different times after the start of the drill.

Donald James – ARC/SkyWarn/RACES – He did not have any updates but was curious about what – or if – there has been a change with Tamiflu? He used to be told that that was only given when extremely necessary due to its side effects of the medication.

Dan Durkee – As far as he knows, nothing really has changed except time. It just seems that it's better to take Tamiflu then have the full blown flu. There are always effects of medicines however the reverse side of that is physically having the actual disease may be worse. With time you always learn more about something.

Mickey Guy – Warren County OES – from the county level they are looking into a County wide EMS system - put together a task force for that. From a State wide level, there are currently 4 bills at the state for EMS which is the first time, including lowering the age of an EMS to 17, so they are beginning to speak with BOCES to see if they can offer / incorporate an EMS class. EMS seems to be a priority for this year, which is a good thing.

Kathy McIntyre – Washington County Public Health – Nothing new to report

Roger Ellis – NYSDAM-AI - At this time would just like to make it clear that dogs are not giving humans the flu, there is a canine flu, there is not a lot around here, but it is not linked to the human flu. If animals are going to be put into a population, such as a boarding facility, definitely consult with a vet because there are three different vaccines for the canine flu however stressed that dogs are not spreading the human flu.

Jill Guillet - NGIEC – they also updated their HVA, also wrote active shooter policy, installed a silent alarm, and their clinic area is buzzed access only now. They are preparing for the next survey, CMS has a new fire door safety inspection, asking if anyone has had this and how they are satisfying it?

James Schrammel - smoke doors and fire doors are two different things, he would need to read the guidance and look at the requests of the survey for more information.

Jill will email James the information, and he will look at it and see if there is a walk through they can do to satisfy the request.

Dan Connor – DHSSES/OEM – He is a first time attendee, nothing to report at this time.

Amy Hirsch – Warren County OES - **LEPC Update**

- LEPC website will be updated soon. Please let Amy know if you notice any changes that need to be made.
- Tier II reports

- The 7 County Hazmat consortium will be having a functional exercise in 2018

## **Warren County Office of Emergency Services - Agency Update**

### *Plans*

- The Warren County department level COOP plans are being updated
- CEMP – update in progress now. Please submit comments by February 2, 2018
- A CEMP template and guidance has been developed for the Towns/Village/City

### *Incidents*

- Ice Jam has been an on-going issue

### *Training*

- The Citizen Preparedness Event last fall was very successful – over 50 attendees
- 2/5 Ice Jam Forum
- ICS 100/NIMS 700 (completed to sessions in January) more to come
- Hosted the fall NWS SkyWarn during the evening. The 2018 spring and fall classes will be held on the county campus during the daytime.

By Amy Hirsch

Emergency Services Coordinator

**\*\*Celebrations\*\*** Laura had her 40th work anniversary at Glens Falls Hospital!

### *Presentation:*

Peter Owen and James Phalin: Department of Homeland Security - Chemical Facility Security Program - 2006 congress voted to create this program and it was fully established in 2008. Its job is meant to control various chemicals that are in our communities, 322 chemicals are on the list of DHS regulated. They work to help protect and guide facilities in possession of these chemicals to prevent them from getting into the hands of terrorists.

General discussion after presentation in regards to chemicals that Agricultural markets may be carrying and if they regulate agricultural facility and other tier components.

Remaining Meeting Dates and Times are Located on the Bottom of the Agenda.

Dan called the meeting to end at 10:50am.