

EPR/LEPC- 4/25/18
Meeting began: 9:03AM
Meeting End: 9:51AM

In Attendance:

Dan Durkee	Warren County Public Health
J'nelle Oxford	Warren County Public Health
Christina Crowd	Washington County Public Health
Mike Shaw	NYSDOH
John Phelps	NYSP-OEM
Michael Lewis	NYSP-Troop G
Pete McManus	NYS-OEM
Daniel Connor	NYS-OEM DHSES
Tammie DeLorenzo	Warren County Health Services
Robert York	Office of Community Services, Warren + Washington Counties
Brian LaFlure	Warren County OES
Donald James	ARC/Warren County RACES
Roger Ellis	NYSDAM

Dan called the meeting to begin at 9:03AM and asked for everyone to go around the room with quick introductions of name and organization.

Dan discusses April 3rd exercise and hosts a PowerPoint to go into depth of the drill, what we learned, what we can do better, what we did well etc.. Notes that our biggest concern is our capacity to do a large scale event is very low, we would need to rely on our partners. Capabilities are limited right now and that isn't just our county, it is most counties are seeing the transition and change within Public Health and their departments shrinking.

Organization Updates:

Roger Ellis, NYSDAM – they are setting up a training with sheriffs in relation to animal cruelty on May 30th he believes. It will also cover topics and training such as euthanizing in an emergency situation. He is continuing to do education and trying to work closely with the Transportation Incident Management group (also known as TIM). They try to bring different people in to be aware of and work together in regards to transportation; they seem interested in putting together a training to add animals into their general staff training. Dr. Ellis also mentioned something that he found interesting at the last TIM meeting, that they had brought in the railroad people and they were informing everyone that at each of the rail crossings there is a blue sign posted that gives a number to call in case of an emergency and a crossing/track. They were saying it is important to call that number first if someone is stuck on the tracks or in an emergency before 911 because that phone call goes to a center that can help stop or control the train quicker than 911 getting in touch with the rail company. Of course call 911 if necessary afterwards as well, but the beginning call should be to the number on the sign. They also said that it takes almost 1.5 miles to get a train to completely stop, so if you wait to call until you see a train, it very well may be already too late for the train to completely stop. Dr. Ellis asked for a raise of hands for who knew about the blue sign as he did not prior to that meeting, most as well did not.

Donald James – ARC/ Warren County RACES

Dan brought up the SKYWARN training that is happening at Warren County on the 30th (Monday) if anyone is interested.

Brian LaFlure – Warren County OES – Begins by mentioning the “fun” their office had with the ice jams and then wind storm that came through not long ago. We had some interesting issues in regards to power, looking at the stats on that Thursday of that storm 11,000 National Grid customers in just our county were without power. He notes that those numbers are just the meters, the houses, not the individuals/amount of people per house, so at one point over 25% of our population had no power. Warren County OES did some planning and kept everyone informed, National Grid, in his mind, did a good job in respect to the outages- they brought in some good resources. At one point Brian notes we had 140 line crews just in Warren County trying to restore the power and everyone was back up within 3 Days. Just a quick reminder of the burn ban until May 14th, camp fires are allowed but no other open burning is allowed.

General discussion on how accurate the outage maps are from national grid, and how the numbers are generated.

Dan Durkee – Warren County Public Health – not too much from our end, just winding down our grant year in the next month and finishing up and year end reports etc., brings up that WCPH is always looking for partnerships so if anyone has anything we would love to hear about it.

Rob York – Office of Community Services, Warren and Washington Counties - fall of last year they re-trained for a county disaster mental health team. They had 16 individuals from the community who participated and they were officially appointed by a Board of Supervisor’s resolution for disaster mental health team. Looking at trying to do more joint trainings with Red Cross and hospitals to have them keep in a sense of being part of a team and participate.

General discussion about mental health services and trainings between Red Cross and the State, there is a State train the trainer coming up that the counties are being mandated to send one employee to for a deliverable.

Tammy DeLorenzo – Warren County Health Services – Nothing new to update

Daniel Connor – NYS-OEM DHSES – Nothing new to update

Pete McManus – NYS-OEM – Mentions that the training department is looking to host a COOP class, two day class and workshop, once they confirm dates and locations he will pass along. Also reminds everyone to please keep DSHES aware of any mass gathering for a situational awareness. OEM will be ramping up for Lake Ontario flooding and will be occupied with that for the next few weeks.

Michael Lewis – NYSP-Troop G – Nothing new to update

John Phelps – NYSP-OEM – Nothing new to update

Mike Shaw – NYSDOH – They have recently began tracking the cooling tower registry and making sure everything is up to date and current. It is mandatory to register a large cooling tower, so they have been making sure the registry has been kept up to date etc. - not sure if registry is available to everyone, but it should be - believes to some degree the public can take a look at it.

Christina Crowd – Washington County Public Health – She is a student with Washington County, reports that Kathy Jo had told her they had nothing new to report as well.

Next meeting dates 7/25 and 10/31

Dan also mentioned that Queensbury School has a new resource officer there so we may begin to see more with active shooters and other drills at the school.

Brian also brought up that they (Queensbury School) have also hired a company to survey their campus just for security purposes and they are hoping to have the study done before construction begins on their facilities upgrade. The company is also doing Luzerne schools.

With all the active shooter stuff in the news lately, Dan wouldn't be surprised if we got asked to be part of more and mentions if anyone need any contacts to groups let us know.

Meeting Closed at 9:51AM

Laura Stebbins, Not in Attendance, Update (Emailed)

WARREN COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE GLENS FALLS HOSPITAL

April 25, 2018 Report

Exercises

- Response plan for winter storms Grayson, Liam, Polly & Quinn were activated at GFH and all off campus sites (24). Response included 96 hour resource inventory, early ordering of supplies and pharmaceuticals, early closure of sites as appropriate, rescheduling plan, courier service, and staffing considerations.
- 4/3 NYSDOH Medical Counter Measures exercise. GFH mirrored the outbreak of Hepatitis A scenario that Warren & Washington County Public Health facilitated. GFH developed a MSEL (Master Sequence of Events) for hospital leaders and staff to respond to, including off campus sites. MSEL included: 1) ICS contacts & roles, 2) pharmacy inventory of Hepatitis A vaccine and Immunoglobulin, including pediatric dosing and cold storage for vaccine transported to GFH health centers, 3) hospital census/bed management 4) surge plan, 5) packaging of lab specimens, 6) disaster mental health team, 7) infection prevention, 8) communication capability, phone, email, text, 9) HERDS notification, 10) PIO communication.
Laura Stebbins had the opportunity to evaluate the Warren County Public Health exercise. They were well organized and responded quickly to issues that came up & noted any lessons learned. The exercise demonstrated Public Health's strong partnership with county response agencies/organizations: Office of Emergency Services, Homeland Security, Southern Adirondack Independent Living, Nursing students, Social Service, Glens Falls Hospital,. They also had strong community response, with many people going through several times to support testing a large volume of people. Excellent job!
- Chempack exercise –date pending in May/June to test response to a nerve agent or organophosphate incident.

Please contact Laura Stebbins if your agencies are planning exercises.

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

Regional Healthcare Coalition 2017/2018

- Pediatric resource survey developed by Pediatric Work Group. Responses indicated that the work group has made progress in improving pediatric response capability
- Pediatric Emergency Preparedness Seminar **May 24th**, at the Albany School of Public Health 8:30am-4pm. No charge. Lunch provided.
- New Mass Gathering Work Group focusing on communication capability among the regional hospitals and emergency response agencies.

Education

- Continual active shooter training through department specific tabletops/training sessions and thunderbolt drills
- Combat Application Tourniquet (CAT) training for GFH staff in May by Jack Timms, Warren County EMS Coordinator
- Information Technology Work Group as follow up to Ransomware TTX

- **4/30** Provider Partnership in Emergency Preparedness 7:30-8:30am in CLC at GFH. Please contact Laura Stebbins to register.
- **5/31** Human Trafficking program provided by Daria Botten, Special Agent for FBI. Registration pending.

Amy Hirsch, Not in Attendance, Update (Emailed)

The updated list of hazard materials will be sent out to the group with the meeting minutes under the LEPC report

Added

Ammonium Hydroxide 1336216

Silver Nitrate 7761888

Silver Oxide 20667123

Removed

Ammonium Formate 540692

Methyl Alcohol 67-56-1