

EPR/LEPC 7/25/18 Meeting
Meeting Began: 9:04AM
Meeting Ended: ~10:20AM

In attendance

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| Dan Durkee | Warren County Public Health |
| J'nelle Oxford | Warren County Public Health |
| Laura Stebbins | Glens Falls Hospital |
| Mike Shaw | NYSDOH |
| Timothy Carota | The Pines at Glens Falls |
| Michael Lewis | NYSP-Troop G |
| Pete McManus | NYS-OEM DHSES |
| Daniel Connor | NYS-OEM DHSES |
| Tammie DeLorenzo | Warren County Health Services |
| Rocky Girard | Warren County Sherriff's Office |
| Brian LaFlure | Warren County OES |
| Donald James | ARC/Warren County RACES |
| Roger Ellis | NYSDAM |
| Sandy LeBarron | Finch Paper |
| Kevin Hajos | Warren County DPW |
| Amy Hirsch | Warren County OES |
| Corey Rivers | Warren County OES |
| Jessica Hitchcock | Elderwood at North Creek |
| Jill Guillet | NGIEC |
| Evan Seyboth | NYS DOT |
| Albert Stenson | DHS |
| Jim Liebrum | Soil and Water |
| Jeremy Farrell | Lake George Association |

Dan opens up with a quick introduction of him and Amy Hirsch to the table for the new faces and introduces Jim and Jeremy who will be presenting on HABs.

Dan turns it over to Jeremy/Jim for the presentation: Blue/Green Algae in Fresh Water Lakes and Drinking water. Discussion afterwards in regards to if it was possible for a vessel to transfer an algal bloom to another body of water, had that vessel been in a body of water that had an active bloom. Jim and Jeremy stated that cyanobacteria already exists in all bodies of water and do not pose a risk like invasive species. Cyanobacteria transferred on a vessel wouldn't cause any sort of contamination or increase the risk for an algal bloom as it is the conditions of the lake and environment that need to be optimal for the algae to bloom in that water.

Mike Shaw, NSYDOH also mentions their policies and education pieces, such as targeting lifeguards and teaching them about HABs and if they see something that looks like paint in the water, etc. Close the beaches first, ask questions second.

Dan will send out Jeremy and Jim's contact information for anyone who has other questions or wants materials etc.

Updates from Amy Hirsch, LEPC, as emailed:

LEPC Update

- HAZMAT Plan has been sent out for all to review
 - Removed numbers from response levels
 - Used “mass notification system” terminology
 - Annual Tier II updates.

Warren County Office of Emergency Services - Agency Update

Plans

- The Warren County base COOP plan was updated
- Chempack plan update – this afternoon
- FEMA Risk Mapping

Exercises

- Chempack drill 6.25.18
- Finch Paper TTX 6.27.18
- Airport Emergency Plan overview 7.6.18

Training

- ICS 100/NIMS 700 coming in August (9th & 13th)
- Hosted the spring NWS SkyWarn in April.
- Infrastructure Protection Certification program
- Disability Awareness training (Oct 1 - 2)

By Amy Hirsch
Emergency Services Coordinator

Dan Durkee, Public Health – Along with Amy mentioning Chempack plan update advises the group that we did run a basic Chempack drill this year with the hospital. We did run into a few issues with communication likely because of staff change overs. He mentions that this is exactly why we do these sorts of exercises and drills. We will be updating the plan based on feedback and hot wash. Also mentions from feedback that we are looking for state and local partners for ideas about how to train hazmat to administer in their gear. In a real event chances are hazmat will be administering first, not our EMS. He has spoken with Jamie Schrammel in regards to the difficulty of administering and such in the large hazmat suits, we think a training for that scenario would be ideal. If anyone has ideas for trainings on that or other ways to be incorporated, please share with us.

There has been discussion about maybe amping the drill up by doing more with medication administration and deacon - tough to do without the right partners in place

Sandy LeBarron – Finch Paper

They participated in a Table top with Warren County OES and Jamie Schrammel - good feedback on both training and the changes they will be making to their Emergency Response Plans

Tim Carota – The Pines at Glens Falls

They have updated their safety manual, emergency preparedness chapter and need to get that reviewed by OES. It will be revisited on an annual basis.

Laura Stebbins - Glens Falls Hospital (emailed)

Exercises

- 6/25 **Chempack** exercise scenario was a nerve agent exposure at a hotel in Lake George (simulated –transport to OES) and a secondary exposure at the Whitehall Health Center in Washington County. There were no patients. Exercise objectives included: 1) notification process 2) transport times, 3) staff education. Lessons learned included training for EMS agencies. Jack Timms, EMS Coordinator will provide the training. GFH Pharmacist made contact with new Pharmacist at Moses-Ludington Hospital including Essex County. Revisions to Chempack Annex in process.
- 7/13 **Ebola** exercise as annual internal drill in response to recent outbreak in the Congo. Included screening, isolation, and donning and doffing of PPE. Lessons learned included inventory of suits and revised checklist for ED staff.
- Annual **HPOD** Hospital Point of Dispensing exercise in development for annual vaccination of staff.

Please contact Laura Stebbins if your agencies are planning exercises.

2018 Tabletops

Two MCI tabletops focused on the pediatric population with the following lessons learned to consider for follow up:

- 1) Development of a county based volunteer program that could include training for a Pediatric Safe Area (PSA). PSA is for uninjured children who have been displaced from parents, parents are injured, etc.
- 2) Combat Application Tourniquets (CAT) for life threatening extremity injuries from explosion, shooter, MVA, construction incident, etc. Promote & provide “Stop the Bleed” training for school teachers and staff. In the event of a shooter, EMS will not be able to enter until cleared by law enforcement. School staff would be providing the immediate care needed.
- 3) Communication system to notify tourists of emergency situations: detours with flooding, shelters during storms, etc.

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

Healthcare Coalition

- Pediatric Emergency Preparedness Seminar May 24th had 130 attendees. It was an excellent program. Group already planning for next year.
- New Mass Gathering Work Group focus is on notification of mass gatherings to hospitals and emergency response agencies to better prepare in the event of an “incident”.

Education

- **Combat Application Tourniquet (CAT)** training for GFH staff by Jack Timms & Laura Stebbins. Six to become instructors for continual training at GFH.
- Gerry Florio will be providing **pediatric disaster mental health** training in the Fall.
- Gerry F and Laura S will provide **Psychological First Aid** training in the Fall. Also looking at providing a program for the schools regarding this topic and tourniquet training.
- **Human Trafficking** program 5/31 provided by Daria Botten, Special Agent for Homeland Security & a panel discussion by area service agencies. She provided an overview of the current issue nationally and locally. GFH work group developed response plan and training for hospital staff.
- NYSDOH sent survey and information to all NYS hospitals regarding **children separated from their parents at the border** and some being relocated in NYS. GFH developed a work group to prepare for potential children seeking care at the hospital or our health centers. Laura S providing information to the regional Pediatric Work Group, so that we prepare as a team.

Rocky Girard – Warren County Sheriff’s Office
Nothing to report at this time

Mike Lewis – NYSP Troop G
Nothing to report

Dan Connor – NYS OEM DHSES
Defers to Pete McManus

Pete McManus – NYS OEM DHSES
Continue to let himself, or the State know when mass gatherings are happening in the county. The State is trying to maintain a map of that. He mentions there is no training academy this year - potentially rescheduling for 2019 – their agency is able to offer emergency management certification training on a tier 3 level if anyone needs however.

A discussion ensues about what is considered a mass gathering. Pete mentions it differs county by county, state by state etc. however, essentially if an event is large enough where if something were to happen it would exhaust your resources, they should know about it. It’s better to pass it along then to not.

Amy Hirsch mentions that OES gets a list from tourism for events and they send it to the State and National Weather Service.

Brian LaFlure – Warren County OES
Nothing to report

Mike Shaw – NYS DOH
To add to the mass gathering question, NYS sanitary is 5000+ people to be considered. On another note for HABs he mentions that DEC and DOH at their website has a lot of information on the topic – State monitors it and DEC has a great program for tracking.

Tammie DeLorenzo – Warren County Health Services
Nothing to report

Jessica Hitchcock – Elderwood at North Creek

They completed their DOH survey and realized with the acquisition and turn over in staff that presently no one is there who made their plan so they are working on updating that phasing in best practice.

Jill Guillet – NGIEC

They have 2 new employees that are working to get trained. They also updated their safety components. Going forward they have flu clinics planned for the year and also preparing for their survey next year.

Roger Ellis – NYSDAM

Nothing too much to report. He is working with Amy for Cart trainings however it is hard to get all partners together (Warren, Washington, Saratoga). He did have a training initially scheduled with the Sheriff's for animal cruelty, but dates conflicted. He mentioned they do have training available for outreach about the issue of animal cruelty and try to educate first responders what is and what isn't. Education is put together and available for sheriffs and other groups - plan to do it at Sheriff's with their event in May.

Kevin Hajos - WC DPW

Nothing to report

Evan Seyboth – NYS DOT

Nothing to report

Albert Stenson – DHS

Mentioned the release of the safe school initiative it consists of a guide and the other is an online self-assessment tool that schools can do on their own. That component is not live yet – it's expected in the end of August. DHS is going to be conducting conference calls about cyber security and interference with critical infrastructure - scheduled for next week.

Dan Durkee – Warren County Public Health

We are now able to offer PFA (Psychological First Aid) training – it's a 3-4 hour course - it would be free if any agency or organization is interested. We will be working internally with staff first to get trained. It is not for long term mental health - just for initial immediate events. We have our CSS and MCM plan updates happening. We will be required to conduct a full scale exercise for receiving assets this grant year - for we think anthrax – we will need to be able to show we can receive assets and break them out to the community, etc. We don't currently have a great receiving location – our original site has been turned into a working space for DPW and building - there are petroleum products and mechanical equipment etc. there now. We need to revisit the plan for where we can store and receive these assets safely. We will also need to talk to security - may need to review those plans as well - work to do.

J'nelle Oxford – Warren County Public Health

Gave an update on her hours, she is still around, however EPR designated hours have been cut from 15 a week to 5. Still around if anyone needs anything, she just may not be out in as many events.

Dan mentions that with the change overs with nursing homes - and trying to work with them – we have always had a huge issue on how to deal with their populations and get assets out to them (transportation needs, medication needs etc.). In the new grant year we are hoping to address this and change this. We do not have an agreement with a single nursing home in regards to a closed pod currently and that's an issue. Without closed pod agreements, should an event happen and nursing homes need medications or assets they would need to transport their members to the open pod site.

Donald James – Red Cross

They have a new disaster preparedness manager to replace Angelika – his name is Josh Moskowitz– he plans to introduce himself at the next meeting.