

EPR/LEPC- 4/25/18
Meeting began: 9:03AM
Meeting End: 10:24 AM

In Attendance

Dan Durkee	Warren County Public Health
Shuwei Li	Sage Student
Bret LaBar	Elderwood @North Creek
Michael Lewis	New York State Police
Daniel Borecki	New York State Police
Laura Stebbins	Glens Falls Hospital
Roger Ellis	New York State Ag & Markets
Brian LaFlure	Warren County OES
Josh Moskowitz	Red Cross
Mark Lamkins	Glens Falls Center
Tammie DeLorenzo	Warren County Administration
John Phelps	New York state Police - OEM
Ann Marie Mason	Hudson Headwaters Health Network
Amy Newell	Southern Adirondack Independent Living Center
Roger Walkup	Southern Adirondack Independent Living Center
Donald James	RACES/Red Cross
KathyJo McIntyre	Washington County Public Health
Donna-Rae Brown	Washington County PH (Student)
William Redmond	Glens Falls Center

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 Durkee – Began with some updates for Public Health. He announced the meeting dates for 2019 and asked attendees to share the dates with individuals that may represent each organization. Dan provided a brief update on the current flu season stating that positive flu labs were increasing as expected, but that the threshold to declare an official start to flu season by New York State Department of Health had not been met. He offered to share the weekly influenza reports sent by NYSDOH to anyone interested in them (see attached document for flu report shared during the meeting).

Following the flu report Dan Durkee led a discussion regarding pandemic influenza and the cascading effects it could potentially have to the entire community. Ann Marie Mason discussed mentioned the staffing issues doctor's offices, hospitals and health centers could experience. Brian Laflure brought up the shortage of EMS staff that is already affecting response and that a pandemic would create an even greater burden. The attendees had a general discussion about how shortages of medications and vaccine would most likely lead to prioritizing target populations and the problems of determining who should receive medications or vaccine if and when it becomes available. Also discussed was the impact to law enforcement since wearing a mask or other PPE could be disruptive to their primary duties. Nursing home representatives discussed policies that are currently in place during cold and flu season and how they could be tweaked to meet the demands of a pandemic flu outbreak.

Warren County LEPC - Brian LaFlure was filling in for Amy Drexel who was at a training. He stated that there were no new updates at this time.

Organization Updates

Laura Stebbins, Glens Falls Hospital – See attached report for notes. General discussion regarding training for Stop the Bleed program. Dan asked law enforcement representatives if they carry tourniquets. They responded affirmatively, but that they were for personal use first and once a threat was neutralized they could be used to help individuals in need. Laura discussed possibly providing the trainings for local school districts. She also discussed bringing Psychological First Aid to local school districts as well.

Dr Ellis – Ag & Markets Stated he is still working with Saratoga County on the County Animal Response (CART) program which also covers Warren and Washington Counties. He stated that the program is active in Saratoga, but Warren and Washington Counties have not been able to sustain active groups. He reported that an Animal Response trailer is available in Saratoga County and there is also one north and south of Saratoga. The trailer is able to provide resources for about 100 animals, but it does not provide a shelter. A shelter would need to be found in the area the trailers a sent to.

Dr. Ellis also reported on the recent salmonella outbreak and recent beef recall and asked attendees to education the public about properly cooking meat and the potential for produce to spread it as well.

Dr. Ellis also mentioned that African Swine Fever is in China, Korea and Eastern Europe. It does not infect humans ,but can be spread by humans bringing back meats from overseas.

Ann Marie Mason – Hudson Headwaters Health Network – Stated that providers have seen an increase in the amount of bed bugs patients are reporting. She asked if anyone had seen a similar issue. Dan stated that since bed bugs are not considered a public health threat no reporting is done, but a few cases have been dealt with through the local health department.

Ann Marie informed the group that she was working towards providing active shooter training to the 17 HHHN clinic locations. The plan is to start with tabletop exercises and scale up to onsite drills. Laura Stebbins mentioned the Thunderbolt drills she uses to train Glens Falls Hospital staff at offsite locations.

Brian LaFlure - Office of Emergency Services No update

Amy Newell and Roger Walkup – Southern Adirondack Independent Living Center – No Updates

Bret LaBar – Elderwood@North Creek – No Updates

Michael Lewis, Daniel Borecki New York State Police – No new updates, but reminded everyone to be on the lookout for suspicious packages in light of recent events.

Tammie DeLorenzo – County Administration - No Updates

William Redmond - Glens Falls Center Conducted active shooter drill and communications training and disaster with the help of Glens Falls PD and West Glens Falls Fire Department and Glens Falls Hospital. The drills went well.

Mark Lamkins – Glens Falls Center – Completed annual drills.

Donald James – RACES & Red Cross – Talked about the role RACES played following the wild fires out west and hurricanes in the Carolinas and Florida in helping organizations and EOC's communicate with one another when other systems were down. Donald announced that the Red Cross office on Warren Street will be moving to the Traveler's Insurance building in downtown Glens Falls. The plan is to be open to the public by December 1st, 2018.

Josh Moskowitz – Red Cross – Introduced himself to the group as the new Red Cross Disaster Coordinator for our region. He also stated that the Red Cross move would not impact the Red Cross ability to respond to an emergency in our region should one occur before the move is completed.

Dan closed the meeting by providing the attendees with the dates for next year's meetings.

January 30th, April 24th, July 31st, October 30th.

Minutes submitted by
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