

EPR Committee 10/30/19
Meeting began: 9:02
Meeting End: 10:20

In attendance

Dan Durkee	Warren County Public Health
J'nelle Oxford	Warren County Public Health
Chas Barrie	SAIL
Ginelle Jones	Warren County Public Health
Greg Dunn	Warren County Sheriff's Office
Donald James	Red Cross
Sandy LeBarron	Finch Paper
Shirley Dumont	SAIL
Brooke Lacy	SAIL
Deven Springer	SAIL
Tammie DeLorenzo	Warren County Administrator's Office
Corey DiLorenzo	NYSDOH
Gregg Reynolds	NYSDOH
Josh Moskowitz	Red Cross
Melissa Fleck	Red Cross
John Waszak	DHS
Jill Guillet	NGIEC
Patricia Williams	Washington County Public Health
Kathy Jo McIntyre	Washington County Public Health
Sarah Arnold	Warren County Public Health
Amy Drexel	Warren County OES
Kristina Santiago	HHHN

Dan Durkee began the meeting with asking everyone to go around the table and do introductions as there were some new faces.

Dan introduced Chas Berrie from SAIL who was with us to do a presentation on accommodating service animals – we from an emergency preparedness standpoint think of items like this in regards to mass sheltering post event.

The presentation slides are attached with the minutes.

When the presentation ended, Dan asked question to the Red Cross about their policies for letting in service animals and if there is a protocol for distinguishing a service animal from an emotional support dog etc. We as the health department of course get concerned for rabies, if the animal were to bite someone and possibly not knowing vaccination status at that point etc.

The Red Cross said their policy was similar to that of what Chas discussed and that they ask what job / duty the service animal provides. Unless an event happens with the animal however there is not an investigation into whether the owner is being honest or not.

Jill Guillet from NGEIC asked about the legality surrounding service animals being separated from its owner for something such as a procedure where the animal could interpret what was being done to their owner as painful or harmful and whose responsibility is it to maintain the dog when said procedure was being done, is it hospital staff or the owners responsibility.

Conversation ensued regarding this topic, individuals from SAIL believed it would be the dog owners responsibility.

LEPC Updates and OES – Submitted by Amy Drexel

10.30.19

LEPC Update

- Completed plan was published on the website
- There will be another 7 county hazmat consortium exercise next year

Warren County Office of Emergency Services - Agency Update

Plans

- CEMP update coming soon
- Application for Hazard Mitigation plan update
- HAZMAT Plan was updated

Exercises

- Active shooter exercise at the mall (yesterday) 10.29.19
- Chempack exercise 9.17.19

Training

- Infrastructure Protection Certification program (1.23.20)
- Co-hosting the fall NWS SkyWarn with Washington County.

Real Events

- Warren County Climate Smart Communities Task Force

Greg Dunn – Warren County Sherriff's Office – No update at this time, business as usual

Donald James – Red Cross - Radios are functional as of about two months ago in case of loss of communication the Glens Falls Red Cross office can have coms set up with Warren County OES as well as Washington County. The Glens Falls office is smaller so there are fewer supplies available so dispatch time may be longer now, as much will come from Albany.

Kristina Santiago – HHHN - They just completed active shooter trainings at each health center and are working on drilling those trainings at the centers. HHHN is also working on updating their plans

Dan mentioned that HHHN just did a table top with all branch and office partners and a lot of good conversation happened about communications between HHHN and the hospital or other facilities etc. A lot of good discussion about isolating person (such as in a case with measles) and all the potential exposures with transporting those patients and it showed how quickly things can balloon in situations like that.

HHHN is up to 19 locations - between May and September, Warrensburg is the highest utilized center with the urgent care.

Shirley Dumont – Sail - Shirley introduced Deven and Brooke as she is leaving. For those who don't know SAIL has an equipment loan program, however they have decided to no longer carry, manage or loan hospital beds, they take up an enormous amount of room and have had a few people get hurt loading them.

Brooke Lacy- SAIL – Brooke just did a tour with Double H and was asked to volunteer as a welcome committee and during alumni services for this like workshops, they were thinking about doing one with emergency preparedness and putting together to go bags for campers for when they leave with items such as band aids, hand sanitizer, what to do to keep yourself protected, coloring books etc. each bag would in categories of age groups.

Dan mentioned the Red Cross used to have the pillowcase project which was similar and that they may be a good resource.

Josh – Red Cross – The pillowcase program is phasing out however they still have some supplies left – they will also be starting prepare with Pedro which is for kids ages k-2nd – and for high school and above they still have the citizen prepare

Chas Barrie – SAIL – no more updates

Corey DiLorenzo – NYSDOH – no updates

Gregg Reynolds – NYSDOH - no updates

Josh Moskowitz - American Red Cross – Echoing what Donald said – they are happy to have the coms up and running, and everyone is happy in their new glens falls space and have shelter trailers stocked and ready.

Jill Guillet - NGEIC – Jill mentioned that she is thankful for the county, Nancy come to do PPD and Flu shots for their staff members. They are also preparing for their hazard and vulnerability analysis for 2020.

John Waszak - Department of Homeland Security - Pete is no long with the program – so John will be trying to attend our meeting as much as he can. He would love to do a CFATS 101 (Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards) presentation with the group if we would like.

Patricia Williams – Washington County Public Health – no updates

Kathy Jo McIntyre – Washington County Public Health – KJ begins by formally introducing Pat. They also received notice that Marie will be retiring. As for Public Health they have been working with the sheriff's department for staff training, including CRASE training (Civilian Response to Active Shoot Events) and stop the bleed.

Ginelle Jones – Warren County Health Services – she will defer to Dan

Sarah Arnold – Warren County Health Services – she will also defer to Dan

Tammie DeLorenzo – Warren County Administrators – No updates

Sandy LeBarron – Finch Paper – They are in the process of doing all the flu shots for staff who wants them as well as their annual emergency training for staff

J'nelle Oxford – Warren County Health Services – J'nelle attended the annual HCA Emergency Preparedness seminar, this seminar includes a tabletop exercise that helps the CHHA meet one of their exercise requirements, which afterwards the State does send an after action report that can be completed, Warren County did complete theirs. We are awaiting our survey is coming so there is a lot of making sure loose ends are tied up.

Dan read the updates provided by Laura Stebbins at Glens Falls Hospital as she was unable to join us; please see below.

GLENS FALLS HOSPITAL

OCTOBER 30, 2019 REPORT

Exercises

- **NYSDOH Interoperable Communication (IOC) exercise** 8/16. Component of the Federal Crimson Contagion exercise. Capability: Information Sharing/ Testing redundant communication systems.
 - 1) RACES tested amateur radio connectivity at 15 of GFH off campus sites from the GFH Command Center
 - 2) 8 area Nursing Homes would have provided 57 beds in common areas
 - 3) Participation by multiple response partners: OES, PH, EMS, RACES
- **Organophosphate surge exercise** 9/17 participants included: Warren & Washington County OES, PH, EMS, GFFD, Warren & Washington County Sheriff offices, & New Visions.
- 10/1 **Evacuation of OR drill.** GFFD representative on site as evaluator.
- GFH Hospital Point of Dispensing (**HPOD**) exercise today.
- Continual drills with scenario of a **person with a weapon** at off campus sites and hospital departments. Local law enforcement agencies have participated and provided

excellent observations, recommendations, and completed walk thru assessments of the facilities.

Tabletops

Thank you to all who have participated in the monthly tabletops. They have provided great insight into our emergency response as a county for nearly all types of events. There are no tabletops scheduled in November or December, but we are planning for 2020. Please let Laura Stebbins (LS) know of any topics/hazards you are interested in.

NYSDOH Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition Partners

- Color Code versus Plain Language update. Central NY is interested in this project. Iroquois provided them with the survey GFH developed for the Capital Region.
- NYSDOH developing a Pediatric Surge Plan. LS represented on the Pediatric Expert Work Group.
- NYSDOH pediatric tabletop to be scheduled in 2020. LS is on the exercise planning work group.
- NYS Mass Fatality Panel in development. LS to be on the panel.

Education

- LS established **Stop the Bleed (STB)** training at GFH to promote this national program to respond to life threatening bleeding from a shooting, explosion, industrial or vehicular accident, etc. The emphasis is on application of a Combat Application Tourniquet (CAT). The training is not limited to healthcare staff, it is for everyone. STB training was provided for 26 School Nurses and Public Health Nurses 10/10/19. The purpose was to promote the STB program in our schools. Licensed professionals that completed the class on 10/10 can apply to become instructors providing additional trainers in the communities we serve.
- **Psychological First Aid** training provided 10/15.
- **Chemical exposure** response training program for hospital response team completed for 2019 9 (8 sessions): 1) Hazwoper training, 2) Decontamination equipment staging exercise, 3) Decontamination of children training, 4) Chemical suicide response training, 5) First Receiver training, 6) White powder/suspicious mail training, 7) Organophosphate exposure/equipment staging, 8) Radiation exposure training.
- **Provider Partnership in Emergency Preparedness** meeting 9/19 included providing a capacity & capability template for local health care organizations to complete for a comprehensive list of all the resources in our county: staff, building, supplies, equipment

2020 Planning

Please let me know if there are specific tabletops, exercises or training opportunities you would like to have offered in 2020.

Thank you for all your support in 2019 and for all that you do in your agencies to protect and best prepare our communities for anything.

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Dan Durkee – Warren County Health Services - We just finished our CSS (County Staging Site) exercise - establishing and maintaining a staging site for an event - this event was hypothetical aerosol anthrax – we had to show we could set up the CSS to receive assets from state and then move them to a POD (point of dispensing) location. We were able to do most of the scenario - unfortunately DPW did not clear the garage but were able to show we could unload and reload as well as utilize a merits system – as well as receive back the items from the POD site - in a real event we would have more leverage to get staff there from multiple departments and there would also be a lot of individuals outside of the County involved. We did set the POD up however we did not staff it. Dan reminded everyone we are always looking for volunteers so if you know anyone trained with some medical background they can go to ServNY and sign up / get registered.

Public health does have some flu vaccine – the reports we've been getting really aren't showing much activity yet - still kind of quiet. If anyone starts to hear of clusters of flu outbreak, while this isn't reportable to PH we do ask that you share it with us.

Tammie asked if there was a delay in the dosing – for example some pharmacies haven't had it yet - CVS didn't have dosing but Walgreen's did – are doses limited?

Ginelle Jones - We have different types of vaccine so we are trying to be creative on how we are utilizing - such as flumist, that can be given to individuals up to 49 so we are offering that to people - we do also have some of the quadrivalent – as well as FluBlok which typically is for those with allergies to components of the regular flu vaccine but is effective for everyone - so we are trying to get creative as dosing is lower in quantity - we aren't bountiful but we are managing and hopeful for more.

HHHN had a flu clinic at the admin office and they ran out - rumor is they would be out of Flu vaccine by Friday.

Dan mentioned while not Emergency Preparedness related that November 7th there will be a public hearing in regards to the cancer initiative that the State began in 2017. They have finally released the summary findings for the Public, the hearing will be at ACC at 7pm – the public can come and comment - it is a hot topic with certain groups and we will have a presence there but remind individuals it was a state funded project.

Dan went over the meeting dates for next year - so please share with those you feel would benefit from the group 1/29, 4/29, 7/29, 10/28, all at 9am and adjourned the meeting at 10:20AM