

NH MRC Meeting
April 9, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Curtis Metzger (HSEM), Alyson Cobb (CHI, recorder), Amy Cullum (CHI), Brita Nettleton (Greater Manchester), Eileen Fernandes (Greater Monadnock), Shawna Carpenter (Greater Sullivan County), Carole Totzkay (HSEM), Chris Wittenberg (HSEM), Mary Reed (Capitol Region), James Richardson (Greater Franklin/Bristol), Donna Quinn (Greater Plymouth), Kim Coffey-Philbrick (Greater Portsmouth), Eugene Heighton (Greater Nashua), Carlene Ferrier (Carroll County), Jim Hicks (Greater Monadnock)

Phone attendance: James Sides (Greater Exeter), Susan Geier (Greater Exeter)

10 of 16 MRC Units represented- thanks to all those who participated!

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Unit Updates

- **Greater Nashua MRC**
 - Trailer complete
 - New focus will be medical stations and road races
- **Greater Portsmouth MRC**
 - Still starting up unit
 - Kim has been attending other unit's orientations to get a feel for it
 - Tried to get higher-ups to approve CERT but they didn't go for it
- **Greater Plymouth MRC**
 - 3 new recruits from Alyson
 - Have been organizing trainings with Franklin/Bristol
 - Doing presentations at health care facilities, such as host organization (Mid-State)
- **Greater Franklin/Bristol MRC**
 - Handbook done- linked with CERT
 - Passed out to MRC and CERT volunteers
 - Goes in to more detail about deployment including having an EMD on call during all deployments that will be monitoring that deployment
 - Giving some scholarships to St. Anselm's conference to volunteers
- **Capital Region MRC**
 - Recruitment going well, know have 16 members including some that may be interested in a leadership role
 - Concord Hospital will be incorporating MRC volunteers with their volunteers for liability policy; not Workers Comp
- **Strafford County MRC**
 - Spring class has 6 CERT and 3 MRC members
 - Looking for money to keep Samantha on
 - Frisbee Hospital will be letting CERT and MRC groups on their E-sponder system
 - Created a new phone tree instead of Katie calling everyone
 - Did a mailing to the 180 people on their CERT/MRC list that have not been active; will remove them from their list if they do not respond
- **Greater Sullivan County MRC**
 - Recruiting at EMS Conference April 23rd to 25th

- Holding an orientation on April 30th
- Working on sustainability plan and phone tree
- **Greater Monadnock MRC**
 - Did sheltering training
 - Held orientation last week
 - Revising brochure
- **Greater Manchester MRC**
 - Help a membership meeting April 8th - presented Family Emergency Preparedness with help from the Goffstown CERT
 - June- holding 1st Annual Meet and electing officers and voting on bylaws
- **Greater Exeter MRC**
 - Setting up a CERT/Citizens Corps also- structure similar to Strafford County's Citizens Corps
 - Starting to recruit
 - Brochure, application, bylaws, handbook, website (page on PHN website)
 - Working with Strafford County- Samantha helping Susan
- **Announcements**
 - **Carole-** IA- FEMA training module on damage assessment; need trained groups
 - Goffstown CERT wants trained
 - Contact Mike or Dom at Volunteer NH if interested- more CERT than MRC
 - Should be available by the end of May
 - Starting with CERTs and Red Cross volunteers
 - Note by Gene- ARES has a list of people who have taken Red Cross's DAT; however, need FEMA one not Red Cross for federal money
 - **Alyson**
 - Emergency Contact List- will be used internally to contact other coordinators in emergencies; please send Alyson your emergency contact information if you have not already
 - MRC Meetings after PHN Meetings- there was a request to discuss the possibility of holding the monthly MRC meetings after the PHN meetings (in on-months); was decided against after discussion due to length of day and energy level
 - Picasa Site- Alyson has set up a Picasa site if people want to use it to share MRC pictures; decided to keep it but as an optional tool
 - Link: www.picasaweb.google.com
 - Log in: NewHampshireMRC@gmail.com
 - Password: volunteer
 - ICS/NIMS Computer Course ToT- having a train-the-trainer on a computer course for ICS and/or NIMS like Franklin/Bristol and Plymouth has held was discussed; interest was there so will be looking in to for a future meeting
 - **Curtis**
 - If you have not already done so, please send Curtis a list of non-existent towns that people may have put in their address when registering with their medical board to sort addresses for professional letters (i.e. Center Conway instead of Conway)

Training Conferences- Alyson

- Discussed list of signups and the programs for the day of conference
- CEUs- registration table will have some language to respond to questions about; sign in sheet for each session to keep on file so people can count it; certificates will say sessions attended and length of training

- Alyson will send out attendance list for each session after the conference so Coordinators will know what their volunteers attended

Liability and Unit Activation- Amy Cullum and Curtis

- See grid of Liability and WC RSAs attached to e-mail
- Day to Day Liability
 - RSA 508:17- appears to cover volunteer in any situation
 - Must be a record that the volunteer is in fact an MRC volunteer
 - Volunteer must be acting in good faith and within scope of official functions
 - No willful, wanton, or grossly negligent misconduct
 - RSA 21-P:41- for emergency management works (which includes volunteers)
 - V- Curtis is looking in to the possibility of a Mutual Aid Agreement between each of the MRC units and the state- the state would be able to activate units for responding out of region and then will be under direction of the state (otherwise political subdivision)
- Commissioner Declared Public Health Incident Liability
 - RSA 508:17a- agents of state protected
- Day to Day Workman's Comp (WC)
 - RSA 281-A:2- volunteers of a Citizens Corps local council (which includes MRC) are eligible for WC; don't have the coverage, would have to buy
 - WC just for emergencies, not community events? Not sure, still discussing.
 - Katie- Lakes Region has model with active (emergencies and community events) vs. basic (just emergencies) volunteers
 - For active volunteers, towns pay for WC for non-emergencies
 - Mutual Aid Agreement can activate anywhere in region
 - Non-emergency events- EMD had to request CERT to be at training or race
 - RSA 21-P:41 VI- emergency services; no declaration
- Commissioner Declared Public Health Incident WC
 - RSA 281-A:2 VII (6)- agent of the state

Registering Your MRC Unit on Volunteer Solutions- Kara Swedlow

- <http://volunteer.united-e-way.org/volunteer-nh/volunteer/>
- Volunteer Solutions is a way for volunteers to find volunteer opportunities of interest near them. If you add your MRC unit, it will come up as an option for individuals looking for a way to volunteer.
- Contact Kara Swedlow at vista@volunteernh.org or 271-7211 if you have any questions about registering for Volunteer Solutions.