

NH MRC Meeting
May 21
Meeting Minutes

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

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

Meeting Minutes:

Unit Updates

- **Greater Sullivan County MRC**
 - 6 new volunteers- all RNs or EMTs
 - Updated unit profile
 - Sent out H1N1 pins and certificates
 - Sent SurveyMonkey to all members to figure out who wants to be active
 - New brochure
 - Working on sustainability plan
 - Shawna is taking a course on grant writing at Franklin pierce
 - Name on racecar that won twice last week so got on radio
- **Greater Manchester MRC**
 - Have about 30 volunteers that have finished all training and forms- includes 2 vets and a few pharmacists
 - Have database of about 400 who signed up from letters (sent out 3,000-4,000 letters)
 - Holding first Annual Meeting in early June for election of officers, recognition, bylaws
 - New brochure
- **Lakes Region MRC**
 - Working on recruitment- new brochure
 - Starting to get responses for mailing to lists
 - Newspaper ad in Laconia Daily Sun- full page, color, on back
 - Updated unit profile
- **Greater Plymouth MRC**
 - Starting to get responses to letters
 - Plymouth and Franklin/Bristol CERT and MRC will be working in First Aid tent at Mooseman Marathon June 6
 - **Discussion about working races/community events:**
 - EMTs have state protocols but can't really do anything unless they are with their EMT unit- except under a doctor's orders
 - Nurses follow their employer's protocols
 - What if unit has medical director?
 - At Mooseman Marathon, medical director from receiving hospital so EMTs will have their protocol to follow
 - For future races, go to board and ask if the medical director will give protocols for licensed MRC volunteers too

- **Greater Franklin/Bristol MRC**
 - Has gotten a few responses from mailing
 - Updated handbook
 - Called database to weed out uninterested people
 - Looking at grants through local banks
- **Greater Portsmouth MRC**
 - Mailing out
 - Some networking at town halls
 - Looking for core people for sustainability
- **Carroll County MRC**
 - Found funding to keep Theresa through December
 - Did radio show
 - Theresa has been meeting with EMDs- holding recruitment event June 12
 - Looking at Emergency Preparedness Plan and how MRC fits in with EMDs' local volunteers
 - Holding off on mailing since region is so small- instead, going out to community groups, staff meetings, etc.
- **Capital Region MRC**
 - Got first recruit from posting on Volunteer NH website
 - Units did helmet fitting at Loudon racetrack event
 - Working on bylaws
- **Strafford County MRC**
 - Mailing out
 - First Junior Citizens Corps graduates next week- 1 future LNA and 1 future EMT
 - Working on long-term planning this summer
 - Somersworth HS Technical School has EMT program- doing MRC training within EMT class
 - Samantha Brann will be working with both Strafford County and Greater Exeter units
- **Greater Exeter MRC**
 - Have a volunteer registered for Training Conference in Plymouth
 - Have been working on volunteer management plan, bylaws, brochure, application, and website
 - Adopting Citizens Corps setup like Strafford County
 - Bought lanyards and pins
 - Planning recruitment event for September
- **Greater Monadnock MRC**
 - Mailing out
 - Presentation at Rotary
 - Struggling with separating volunteers in to basic and active
 - With Nashua MRC and ARES, will be working 10 mile race on June 6
- **Greater Nashua MRC**
 - Muddy Angels (National EMS Memorial Bike Ride)- drove trailer from Milford to Nashua
 - On Volunteer NH and Whofish.org websites
 - Recruitment schedule:
 - June 11-13: Rib Fest, ~25,000 people/day, <http://ribfestnh.org/>
 - August 28-29- Pease Airshow, ~100,000 people/day, <http://newenglandairshow.com/>
 - October 8-10- Milford Pumpkin Festival, <http://www.milfordpumpkinfestival.org/>
 - Working on accounting system

- Started membership committee
- **Announcements**
 - **Curtis**
 - **Board List Spreadsheets-** Curtis is continuing to work on obtaining the other lists and will work on nursing next
 - **Alyson**
 - **Spirit of NH Awards-** if interested in nominating a volunteer for an award, information can be found at <http://www.volunteernh.org/html/spiritofnhawards.htm>
 - **Evaluation results from April MRC Meeting-** suggested next topics are training ideas, non-emergency activities, and sustainability/funding
 - **Frequency of meetings?** Discussed whether meetings should continue during summer- decided to have conference calls for July and August meetings (June Meeting as schedule, 9-11am June 11)
 - **Badge renewal stickers-** if you have not replied to e-mail about wanting renewal stickers for badges, let Alyson know how many you anticipate needing for 2011 (so all current volunteers + any volunteers recruited in 2011)
 - **Training Calendar-** discussion around sharing trainings between regions resulted in decision that Alyson will maintain a calendar of training scheduled by the units and share every 2 weeks or month (depending on updates)- when you schedule a training, please CC Alyson on the training announcement so it is included on the calendar
 - **NH Emergency Preparedness Conference-** conference is June 17th in Manchester. The conference is free and all volunteers are welcome. Information can be found at www.NHEmergencyPrepConference.com
 - **Carole**
 - **Third Annual State Functional Needs Conference-** will be held in September or October and will include supportive care sheltering
 - **July 23-** DOT event at Hazen
 - **Juny 26-** 20th Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act

Mini-Grants

- See attached e-mail regarding mini-grants

MRC Training Conferences

- Funding for Spring 2011 Training Conferences is available through MRC Award for States so will be held again next spring