

Minutes

Emergency Preparedness Region 4A

January 12, 2005

12:30 PM

Wayland Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by Doug Halley at 12:50 pm. Present were Beverly Anderson (MDPH), Judy Baggs (Burlington), Dave Black (Bedford), Steve Calichman (Wayland), Robin Chapell (Walpole), Jerry Collins (Maynard), Bob Cooper (Framingham), Mike Delfino (Waltham), Wendy Diotalevi (Weston), Greg Erickson (Wilmington), Linda Fantasia (Carlisle), Louis Fazen (Southborough), Diane Fielding (Dover), Derek Fullerton (Lexington), Ira Grossman (Littleton), Doug Halley (Acton), Bob Landry (Marlborough), Ann McCobb (Holliston), Sheila Miller (Sharon), Mike Moore (Concord), Jennifer Murphy (Winchester), Ravi Nadkarni (Wrentham), Heidi Porter (Burlington), Alyssa Rusiecki (Millis), Thomas Ryder (Hopkinton), Ruth-Ellen Sandler (MHOA), Suzanne Shannahan (Holliston), Patrick Simon (MDPH), and Scott Kenfield (MDPH).

Mark Oram gave an update on the PH Nurse discussion which had taken place prior to the meeting. He suggested that a nurse take care of the SNS. The nurse could go around to the 34 communities and fulfill that portion of the plan. \$28,000 should cover 24 hours/week plus mileage and supplies from mid February through the end of August.

Robin Chapell made a motion to open up the concept for a nurse as a region instead of going through the mini-grant program. The motion was seconded and carried.

Beverly Anderson talked a little about the Medical Reserve Corps and the Massachusetts Nurse Association, who are also involved in this effort.

Anderson then talked about the Risk Communication Template. Beverly sent this out but many communities did not have it so she will send it out again.

Louis Fazen brought up the low ranking of Massachusetts in the CDC survey. Beverly Anderson made clear many misrepresentations and assured that the State was not nearly as bad as the survey seemed to indicate.

Wendy Diotalevi gave an update on MAPC, who had gone to the Weston Town Hall for a meeting. MAPC would like to meet with the 10 people who received the GIS software. Heidi Porter asked where the maps and CDs were that they were supposed to get. Beverly will check on this.

Beverly Anderson and Robin Chapell then spoke about the BT Template training that is coming up at the end of the month. This is sponsored by MHOA.

Next, Patrick Simon of MDPH spoke about the HAN. Many people have not been trained so he will get some more training. Bob Cooper asked for a quick reference guide (or something

similar) because it was nearly impossible to remember what was learned at the training. Patrick talked about developing a response for the highest level alert. Beverly Anderson suggested alerting 3-5 people who would then make sure everyone in the coalition got the message. This led to quite a heated discussion. Robin Chapell made a motion that every individual community would receive their own message so they can act according to their own situation. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

There was still more discussion about the HAN until Doug Halley suggested to bring it to the Executive Board for a solution. Mark Oram so moved. This was seconded and all voted in favor.

Doug Halley then gave an update on the mini-grant program and stated that the deadline had been extended until May 1st.

Jennifer Murphy asked if it would be possible to meet more often (than quarterly) because there was too much going on presently. Wendy Diotalevi made a motion that the coalition meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

The next meeting was set for February 16th at 12:30 pm at the Wayland Town Hall.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.