

CAPE ANN EMERGENCY PLANNING TEAM – GENERAL MEETING

February 7, 2013

9:11 a.m.

Manchester Essex Regional High School

The meeting was called to order by Noreen Burke at 9:11 a.m. with fifteen (15) members in attendance.

In Attendance: Julia Tiernan, Coast Guard; Mike Main, MEMA; Stanley Stone, CAARA; Noreen Burke, Gloucester Public Health Dept.; Charles Vose, NE Mass ARC; Tom Kehoe, Manchester BOS; Sander Schultz, Gloucester Fire Dept./EMS; Elaine Wozny, Essex Board of Health; Brendhan Zubricki, Essex Town Administrator; Ann-Marie Jordan, Gloucester Schools; Chassea Robinson, Gloucester Health Dept.; Kim Paskalis, Essex Board of Health; Pam Ciccone, Manchester BOH; Patty Pardee, Pathways for Children; James Doyle, Rockport Fire Dept.; Tod Biggar, Manchester Fire Dept.

Minutes: Brendhan Zubricki motioned to accept January 10, 2013 meeting minutes. Julia Tiernan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Work Groups

- COOP – Brendhan Zubricki –MEMA will restructure their secure platform and will not provide shared logons until the update is complete. Brendhan recommends waiting until that update is complete to proceed with creating web based shared documents.
- Communications – Stanley Stone –CAARA is installing a new repeater and installed a second repeater in N. Gloucester. Tech in a Day event coming up on April 27.
- Mental Health – No report.
- Sheltering – Fuller is officially moth balled, O'Maley does not have back up power to the gym, and the High School is in a tidal flood zone, but is the most viable long term option. Charlie Vose and Ron Beckley can conduct building surveys in order to enter them into the National Shelter System. There was discussion regarding sheltering issues/concerns such as, staffing, accessibility, and back-up power systems. Sheltering Committee to report next meeting on how community shelter model might look/work.
- Care Delivery – Elaine Wozny – Working on wrapping up flu season. Mosquito Control forum will be held March 7 from 6-8 PM at Cruiseport in Gloucester. The forum will have a panel of experts with varying specialties. Would like to have both local officials and the general public. Ideally each CAEPT member will invite 3-5 people. Sander Schultz asked if there are any reports on the cost to communities due to exposure to EEE and other mosquito borne illnesses. CDC has done a cost analysis of West Nile Virus.
- School Safety – Draft mission statement has been completed. Next meeting date scheduled for April 3rd at 2 pm at Pathways. There will be significant outreach to regional school leadership or their designees. Gloucester Schools are working on updating their plans for emergency response. Ann-Marie Jordan – There is new administrative leadership in all

three communities. This new leadership may need a clearer understanding of what the School Safety group is and why their attendance is important in order to become more active. There was discussion about how best to engage school administrative leadership. Tom Kehoe offered to be liaison to MERSD. Brendhan Zubricki suggested asking superintendents to provide one “rolling chair” or representative amongst the three school district administrators to each CAEPT and School Safety meetings.

MOTION: Sander Schultz motioned to have the Executive Board of the CAEPT formally invite school superintendents to attend the April 3rd School Safety Committee meeting. Patty Pardee seconded.

Discussion of motion – Sander Schultz added that this would formally request the superintendents to participate in the process and the decision to attend would then be on them. Ann-Marie Jordan suggested including very concrete ideas of what participation in this group will provide for the superintendents. Patty Pardee and Kim Paskalis will draft an invitation and forward to Dan Doucette and Noreen Burke.

Motion passes.

Elaine Wozny suggested making the discussion of engaging School Districts an agenda item for the next CAEPT meeting.

Old Business

- Full Certification Application- Dan Doucette has been working on this process.

New Business

- Events – Noreen Burke presented several trainings being offered by the North Shore/Cape Ann Emergency Preparedness Coalition and offered Jade Langley, the MRC Volunteer Coordinator, as a resource for the CAEPT.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 7th, 9AM at Essex Fire Station.

Submitted by: Jaimie Corliss