

Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council
Advisory Committee Minutes
July 18, 2013

Attendees: William Austin (Chairman); Sue Prosi (SWRPA); Paul Gibb (LHCEO/PSTF); Joe Perrelli (COGCNV); Allen Sheridan; (Vernon CERT); Don Davis (Ellington); Gary Ruggiero (DEMHS); Dave Hannon; (HVCEO); Bill Kramer, (Hebron EMD); Greg Martin; (CCRPA); Dagmar Noll (WINCOG); Jim Larkin (NECCOG); Stephen Thal (ESF-19); Don Janelle (Manchester); Viola Heath (CRCOG).

Chairman Austin called the meeting to order at 1:58 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the June 27, 2013 meeting minutes was made by Dagmar Noll seconded by Dave Hannon. All in favor so voted, Don Janelle and Dave Hannon abstained.

Guest Speaker

None

Report on State DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting

No report

Old Business

Correspondence

Chairman Austin read correspondence received and sent.

DEMHS Report

- Train the Trainer will be held October 19 and 26
- DEMHS is looking to hold CERT weekend in November as a one day event. Funding will be requested from the Statewide Council.

American Legion Report

No report.

Statewide Operational Update

Updates and changes were made to applicable levels.

DEMHS Website Citizen Corps Information

Dagmar Noll reported permissions were granted to update and post Citizen Corps information on the DEMHS website.

Draft Guide on DEMHS CERT Grants

A motion to separate the draft guide handbook for other CERT programs and how they are funded was made by Dagmar Noll seconded by Sue Prosi. All in favor so voted.

Statewide Conference Update

Chairman Austin gave a verbal update of the statewide conference and will send the latest conference planning notes to the Council.

A twitter site and an e-mail account have been established for the event. The e-mail address is ctcitizencorps@gmail.com.

New Business

CERTs in Action Pictures

Don Janelle made a request for CERT leaders and coordinators to send him five or six pictures of their CERTs in action. Viola Heath will e-mail CERT leaders and coordinators to make them aware of this request.

Connecticut Radio Information System (CRIS)

Stephen Thal talked to the Council about CRIS, a nonprofit organization who broadcast twenty four hours a day to providing reading information etc for people who are blind. They have approximately eighteen thousand listeners; however sixty five thousand people in the state of Connecticut fall into their listener category. CRIS main station is located in Windsor, Connecticut, with other Connecticut stations located in Norwich, Trumbull, West Haven, and Danbury. Stephen expressed his desire to form a statewide CERT to continue the program CRIS provides listeners in the event their satellite site should go down. It was suggested a survey be e-mailed to volunteers to determine the level of interest. Stephen also extended the disability training program to all CERTs who have not yet taken the program.

Citizen Corps Conference Awards

No update.

Temporary Grant for Website Construction

Chairman Austin made a proposal for a temporary website construction grant of \$300 to be available from October 1st 2013 until March 31st 2014. Completion of websites utilizing this grant should be by June 30 2014. Any CERT who would like their own website should apply. A motion to approve the website temporary grant construction proposal was made by Dave Hannon seconded by Paul Gibb. All in favor so voted.

Funding

CERT Team Funding And Funding Requests:

DEMHS Category A:

None

Foundation Category A

Columbia approved for \$1,200 for a basic CERT training class of 25 people.

A motion to approve this Category A funding requests was made by Don Janelle seconded by David Hannon. All in favor so voted. This is the first official foundation category A request.

Category B

None

Category C

CRCOG approved for \$4,000

CCRPA approved for \$4,000

WINCOG approved for \$4,000

A motion to approve these Category C funding requests was made by Don Janelle seconded by Sue Prosi. All in favor so voted.

Category D

Town of Woodbury approved for \$500 for backpack items

A motion to approve these Category D funding requests was made by Dave Hannon seconded by Gary Ruggiero. All in favor so voted.

Special Grants

CRCOG approved for 4,000 for a special category C grant.

A motion to approve this Special Category C request was made by Sue Prosi seconded by Dagmar Noll. All in favor so voted.

A motion to approve the purchase 300 backpacks was made by Don Janelle seconded by Dave Hannon. All in favor so voted.

Encumbrances

None.

Tabled Request

None.

Other Business

CERT Forms

Dagmar Noll reviewed the updated forms with the Council and will add a box to the DEMHS forms for backpack request. The Council further reviewed the forms and Dagmar will make corrections and modifications based on suggestions from the Council.

A motion was made by Joe Perrelli seconded by Don Janelle to approve all forms as modified. All in favor so voted.

Teen CERT and MRT Liability Issues

Chairman Austin is awaiting a response from DEMHS Legal Council.

Regional Citizen Corps Update

None

Next Meeting Date: Special meeting 2:15 p.m. Thursday September 5, 2013 at the Statewide Citizen Corps Conference, Waters Edge Resort and Spa, 1525 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, CT 06498

Future meeting dates for 2013:, October 17, November 21, and December 19