

Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council

Advisory Committee Minutes

October 17, 2013

Attendees: William Austin (Chairman); Norma Peterson (Fairfield Citizen Corps Council); Joel Severance (Region 2); Jim Larkin (NECCOG); Don Janelle (Manchester); Harley Graime (Bristol); Don Davis (Ellington); Michael Barry (New Britain); Edward Murray (DEMHS); Greg Martin (CCRPA); Virginia Mason (COGCNV); David Geloso (Ansonia Dep. EMD); Clark Hurlburt (Bethany Dep. EMD); Eric Heath (Southington Fire); Bob Freeman (Hamden OEM); Sue Prosi (SWRPA); Lisa King-Riley (City of Danbury/HVCEO); Viola Heath (CRCOG)

Chairman Austin called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m. followed by introductions.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the September 5, 2013 meeting minutes was made by Joel Severance seconded by Virginia Mason. All in favor so voted.

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. Twenty four people have signed up to take the class.
- Ed Murray gave an update of CERT Weekend being held November 16. He reported that one hundred and eleven participants have signed up to date, Web EOC class is full. Ed Murray will be teaching the CERT Communication class and lunch will be a working lunch.

American Legion Report: No report

Statewide Operational Update

Updates and changes were made to applicable levels.

DEMHS Website Citizen Corps Information

Dagmar Noll reported everything is running well and she received good feedback about the site at the statewide conference.

Draft Guide on DEMHS CERT Grants

Dagmar Noll and Joel Severance will meet.

Statewide Conference Committee Update

Chairman Austin reported there are 70 pages of documentation to carry forward. He is awaiting a check from DPH and he has received checks from CEMA and VITAS. \$60,000 was raised for

the conference and just under \$63,000 was spent. Feedback was received from the eight question Survey Monkey. Six percent of the people who attended liked the location and fifty seven percent said okay to paying a \$50 conference attendance fee. On a whole the conference was successful and the survey determined the conference should remain a two day conference.

New Business

Funding

CERT Team Funding And Funding Requests:

DEMHS Category A:

Hartford approved for \$1,200 for CERT training class of 25 people

Stafford approved for \$1,200 for CERT training class of 25 people

Newington approved for \$1,200 for CERT training class of 25 people

University of New Haven approved for a CERT training class of 21 people \$0 backpacks only
A motion to approve these Category A funding request was made by Don Janelle seconded by Virginia Mason. All in favor so voted.

Foundation Category A:

East Haddam approved for \$1,200 for a basic CERT training class of 25

Monroe approved for \$1,200 for a basic CERT training for 25 people

Town of Ridgefield approved for \$1,200 for a basic CERT training class for 25 people

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

Category B

Bethany approved for \$1,125 for first aid and CPR training

Bristol approved for \$867 for traffic course

A motion to approve these Category B funding request was made by Virginia Mason seconded by Joel Severance. All in favor so voted.

Norma Peterson proposed language for category B training which includes equipment.
Chairman Austin asked her to put together language that the Council can vote on.

Category C

Litchfield Hills Council of elected Officials approved for \$4,000

A motion to approve this Category C request was made by Joel Severance seconded by Virginia Mason. All in favor so voted.

Category D:

Farmington CERT approved for \$500 for team ID shirts.

Hamden approved for \$500 for family radios.

A motion to approve these Category D requests was made by Don Janelle seconded by Dagmar Noll. All in favor so voted.

Special Grants

Special grant requests of \$300 to create a team website: Ridgefield, Hamden, Orange, and Bethany.

A motion to approve these special grant requests was made by Don Janelle seconded by Greg Martin. All in favor so voted.

CERT Backpacks

A motion to expend \$17,250 to purchase 300 CERT backpacks was made by Norma Peterson seconded by Joel Severance. All in favor so voted

Encumbrances: None.

Tabled Request: None.

Other Business:

Chairman Austin talked about his visit to Enfield Big Y supermarket where a special presentation was made on advising grocery items to purchase in an emergency from a dietary standpoint. Anyone interested to learn more send an e-mail to ctcitizencorps@gmail.com.

Joel Severance spoke about meeting locations.

Regional Council Updates:

- Manchester is holding a HAM class.
- Danbury – Regional CERT and quarterly CERT training in 2014
- Valley Shore emergency management will tour the Wayland facility to see how emergency lighting is made.
- Full scale tornado exercise at Camp Hartel, (located near Bradley airport) October 25 and 26. Volunteers are needed. The Red Cross will be there. Contact Carmine Centrella or Chairman Austin

Next Meeting Date: November 21,, 2013, West Hartford Town Hall, Mayor's office, Room 312, 3rd Floor, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107

Future meeting dates for 2013: December 19,

Future meeting dates for 2014: January 16, February 20, and March 20