

# Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council

## Advisory Committee Minutes

July 19, 2012

**Attendees:** William Austin (Chairman) Sue Prosi (SWRPA); Kristen Thomas (CCRPA); Joel Severance (Region 2); Paul Gibb (LHCEO/PSTF) Gary Ruggiero (DEMHS); Virginia Mason (COGCNV); David Hannon (HVCEO); Don Janelle (Manchester); Ted Janelle (Southington); and Art McLean (American Legion)

Chairman Austin asked Joel Severance, Sue Prosi, and Norma Peterson to form a committee to review the federal liability guidance recently released in relation to Connecticut law. Peterson will be asked to serve as chair. The goal is to create a liability guide for Connecticut. The document would then be reviewed by Atty. Bergeron at DEMHS prior to the Council's approval. Chairman Austin gave Sue Prosi the identification cards for Fairfield's CERT team for delivery and noted that fifteen cards were unable to be printed due to system failure, and he did not supply lanyards as his reflect his region. He then turned over the meeting to Joel Severance.

Acting chair Joel Severance called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve the June 21, 2012 was made by Virginia Mason, seconded by David Hannon. It passed with one abstention (D. Janelle).

**Guest Speaker:** None.

**Report on State DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting:** No report.

### **Old Business:**

- **Correspondence:** Correspondence received and read by acting chair Joel Severance. The New Milford CERT is restructuring and David Hannon will report at the next meeting. Dan Dube of East Hartford wanted to know about the Category B grant they requested which had been tabled at the last meeting. No one in attendance could report on this and no action was taken. Don Janelle questioned a quorum, and the chair ruled there was one.

- **American Legion Net Program Update:** Art McLean reported that Boys' State had just been completed, and several state officials and candidates for office had attended. The NET program was presented to about 25 attendees. He expressed concern that he can get no members of the legion to move the program forward, but he will revisit the issue. Art McLean also mentioned that Connecticut has 7 Legion districts and is considering merging them.
- **Draft Guide on DEMHS CERT Grant:** A subcommittee of the Council met prior to the meeting to work on the draft guide. They have completed up to page 18.
- **Statewide Operational Update:** Updates and changes to applicable levels. Sue Prosi reported that the Monroe training had been completed with 19 on the Monroe team and 1 to the Westport team in Level 3. Virginia Mason reported that Beacon Falls graduated 26 to Level 3, 19 for Beacon Falls and 7 for Bethany. Newtown, #16, has started training and is moved to Level 2. #42, Monroe, has 42 members. Manchester, #37, has 85 members and 40 go to Level 4.

#### **New Business:**

#### **CERT TEAM Funding and Funding Requests:**

##### **Category A:**

**Hamden** request was rejected as the form needs revision. **East Hartford's** request for \$1,625 for a training class moved by David Hannon, seconded by Don Janelle, and passed unanimously to approve the request.

##### **Category C:**

The **Housatonic Valley CEO** requested for \$4,000 for the period July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. It was moved by Sue Prosi, seconded by Don Janelle and passed to unanimously to approve the request. The paperwork for the Category C grant approved for COGCNV in June 2012 was received by the statewide committee.

##### **Category D:**

**Enfield's** request for \$500 for id. clothing was moved by Virginia Mason, seconded by David Hannon and passed unanimously.

## **Emergency Preparedness Summit – 2012**

This event took place at Northeast Utilities (NU) two weeks ago. There was no report. The September speaker at this Council will be a representative from NU on their 4 hour training program for CERT teams.

**Regional Council Updates:** None.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be in Room 400 on September 20, 2012. It is suggested that members check the sign in the lobby. The CERT Weekend will be at the Fire Academy on September 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> and include topics such as the CL&P training, search and rescue, and task books. THE RPOs will be asked to help disseminate the information on this to the teams.

Gary Ruggerio reported that the move to Middletown will take about 6 more months. DEMHS is redoing its website in case you have trouble accessing documents. Program specialists have been hired and may move to some regional offices. He discussed the regional exercise and changes in the state EOC. More people will be available to take incoming calls for example. Four towns are not currently participating. They are to use Unified Command, get everyone together and create an incident management plan.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Prosi, seconded by Hannon at 3:01 p.m.

**Future meeting dates for 2012:** August – NO MEETING; September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 20.