

Ottilie W. Lundgren Mobile Field Hospital
Board of Directors Meeting
Department of Public Health
March 7, 2008

Attendance

Mjr. Lt. William Podgorski for Commissioner John A. Danaher, DPS, Major General Walter Lippincott for General Thaddeus Martin, Military Department, Leonard H. Guercia, Jr., DPH, Dr. Mark Prete, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Dr. Albert Geetter, DPH, Mary Emerling, DPH

Excused: Commissioner J. Robert Galvin, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., Department of Public Health, Commissioner James. M. Thomas, DEMHS, Dr. Rolf Knoll, St. Francis Hospital, Elise Kremer, Ph.D., Dr. Richard Kamin, DPH

Absent: Secretary Robert L. Genuario, OPM, Commissioner Michael Starkowski, DSS

Convened

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Review of the September 14, 2007 minutes

The minutes of December 14, 2007 were reviewed and the minutes will need to reflect:

- o December 14, 2008 changed to December 7, 2007

A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. The motion carried.

Welcome and Introductions

DPH Commissioner Galvin sends his regrets that he is unable to be in attendance. Leonard Guercia thanked the Board Members for attending.

Pharmacy Update

Mary Emerling is working with John Gadea from the Department of Consumer Protection, Drug Control Division to provide the MFH with a general cache in the event of deployment. At this time there is no need to secure a physical cache. Caches will be made available and housed with a pharmaceutical vendor. Mary Emerling is working on drafting a list of items for 3 separate caches: Pandemic, Medical/Trauma and Wellness Clinic and depending on the event the vendor will make available the cache needed. They are also going to piggyback off of the SNS for purposes of delivery and release of pharmaceuticals. It was also noted that DMAT has their own separate cache, currently available for deployment.

Drills, Training and Deployment

Mary Emerling gave an update on recent and upcoming deployments.

- February 23, 2008 Penguin Plunge in Madison
- April 2-6, 2008 Bethel Multi-Hospital Event
The exercise will be broken down into 3 components. One component will be for planning, another for public relations and then there will be a triage exercise. Bethel will also be testing their drive thru model, however that will not have any impact on the mobile hospital.

- May 15, 2008 Municipal Emergency Management Symposium in Cromwell
- Spring 2008: Logistics/Medical Training for MRC, CERT groups
DPH is contracting with Yale for this statewide training. There are 5 dates being secured. The medical component will be held at various fire schools statewide. DPH is working on securing the use of Camp Hartell for the logistical component.
- Summer 2008: DMAT Exercise
The details are still being worked on. No dates have been set as of yet.
- September 6, 2008 Family Day (supporting CT National Guard)

Training Manual Review

The manual was passed around to the Board members. This manual will be used as a visual aid in assisting with the setup of the hospital. Pages will be laminated to protect the manual and 30 copies will be available.

Other

An MOU was secured with the City of Danbury, similar to the MOU currently in place with Middletown. This MOU will place a portion of a 25-bed unit at the Danbury Municipal Airport.

Direction was received from Medicare that we need to align with a freestanding hospital. Dr. Galvin is currently working on securing a sponsor hospital for the MFH.

The Office of Health Care Access has issued DPH an extension for our MOAs until December 31, 2008.

Five durational employees were hired to assist with the inventory and logistics for the hospital.

Recruitment continues for additional assistance in the set up of the hospital.

There has been a major change at NDMS. The equipment caches are now being moved to regional locations and no longer with each team. We have not yet been affected by that change.

Leonard Guercia informed the board members of a structure collapse of the hospital. The portion of the hospital that needs repair is with the vendor.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room at the Department of Public Health.