

Addison County Emergency Planning Committee/
Addison County Local Citizen's Corps Council
Agenda – October 29, 2014, 5pm

Guest Speaker:

Jeff Heath VDH – Jeff gave a very informative talk about the Ebola virus and what steps are being taken here in Vermont as well as what the CDC is recommending for preventative measures. Jeff started by giving us an update on the traveler who is in voluntary quarantine in Rutland County. He will be staying in quarantine for the recommended 21 days.

1. Ebola symptoms: Fever, headache, weakness, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain or hemorrhage.
2. Ebola is transmitted via direct contact with body fluids from someone who has the symptoms. It does not enter through the skin but enters through mucus membranes (eyes, mouth, nose, etc.) or through a break in the skin (Cut, or other wound).
3. Ebola incubation ranges from 2 days to 21 days between exposure and when a person shows symptoms and becomes contagious.
4. The CDC has identified 4 risk levels:
 - High Risk- someone who has had direct contact with body fluids of an ebola patient without Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
 - Some Risk- Someone who has had close contact with an Ebola patient (within 3 ft for an extended period without wearing PPE)
 - Low Risk – being in the same room as or having brief skin contact with an Ebola patient, travel on an airplane with a patient.
 - No Risk – contact with a person before they show symptoms of Ebola.
5. Monitoring for 21 days is the procedure they are using with people who are not showing any symptoms but are at the higher risk levels.
6. Hospital workers and EMS are being trained how to don and doff PPE when dealing with suspected Ebola patients.
7. Fletcher Allen and Dartmouth-Hitchcock are the only hospitals around with the capacity to isolate Ebola patients. All other hospitals will transport to these two.
8. Ebola seems to be a larger hazard in what we are being fed in the media than in reality for the US health care system. The panic seems to be due to everyone being cautious about any unknowns rather than any proven risk/vulnerabilities.

Local Citizen's Corps Council Meeting:

1. State-wide Citizen's Corps Council Report – Erik reported that the state committee has not met since his appointment so he had no report.
2. Addison County MRC development – Sue reported that there is one MRC member from Addison County as of this meeting. A few have expressed an interest but a new organization has not been started as of yet. The Rutland MRC

attended the EMS conference and deployed their mobile hospital in the pouring rain. Sue feels that if they can overcome that hurdle, they can set it up anywhere.

3. Other – None

Adjourn 5:30

Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting:

1. Call to Order 5:31

2. Approve September Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes as written and sent to members prior to the meeting by Tom Scanlon, seconded by Erik Eriksen. Minutes approved.

3. Treasurer's Report – Kate reported that we received our annual allotment from the State and the current balance in our account is \$4,475.07

- Expenditures/Bills – none (This was later amended to reflect a \$250.00 request from Beth/211 to help their outreach efforts for the C.A.R.E program.)
- Reimbursements- Tim for \$48.13 for meeting refreshments

4. C.A.R.E. program – Beth reported on the C.A.R.E. program cosponsored by 211 and E911. The program will collect self reporting individuals information who need assistance in case of emergency. The list will be updated annually and will be available to responders from the 911 dispatcher when a credible need occurs

5. DEMHS Report - Josh Cox reported on the status of DEMHS programs. The SERC is looking for suggestions for next year's HMEP grants, a State training and exercising workshop will be held on 11/13 in Stowe, ERAF kicked in as of 10/23 with 68% of communities having up to date LEOPs, there will be a Governor's School Safety conference held on 11/19, another HMGP application deadline has been set for 1/5/15, DEMHS will be offering HSEEP, Effective Facilitator training and Facilitation for Trainers. Contact them for additional info. 800-347-0488. The new D-Lan will be rolled out in December and people are encouraged to take an upcoming training class, dates and locations to be announced.

6. Other business - none

7. Adjourn 6:05

Upcoming Events:

- Disaster Recovery for Business 11/19 Ilsley Library 8:15-10:00
- Next LEPC mtg: 11/19 **(DATE CHANGE)** VSP New Haven.