

Sudbury LEPC VIP (Vulnerable In-town Populations) Subcommittee

Minutes of meeting Wednesday, August 8 2007; 10:00 AM, Wingate

Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Frost Farm; Marilyn Fatherly, Longfellow Glen; Jo-Anne Howe, Sudbury Housing Authority; Kristin Kiesel, Council on Aging; David Mortimer, Chair, Sudbury Commission on Disability

Also invited: Michael Carroll, Assistant Fire Chief; Stacy Carlin, Sudbury Pines Extended Care; Gabriele Cohen, Springhouse Pond; Lt. Rick Glavin, Sudbury Police Department; Roberta Henderson, Sudbury Pines Extended Care; Barry Joress, Wingate; Martha Lynn, Sudbury Town Social Worker; Ruth Mori, Parmenter VNA; Richard Simon, Coordinator, Sudbury LEPC; Elizabeth Weisner, Orchard Hill

Next meeting	Wednesday, September 26, 10:00 AM, Sudbury Senior Center		
Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Minutes of meeting June 13, 2007	Minutes accepted as submitted		
Membership Updates	<p>Barbara reported that Gabriele Cohen of Spring House Pond is moving and may no longer be able to represent Springhouse Pond for the group.</p> <p>Barry Joress reported that Wingate has hired a new Administrator to replace Cathy Congo. He is Wayne Pultzman, and he will start work next week.</p>	Welcome David Mortimer, Chairperson of the Sudbury Commission on Disability, who is joining the group.	
Old Business			
CERT	Barbara gave a CERT update. The CERT group has developed some subcommittee, including one for fund raising. They will have a table at Sudbury Day, and will hold a training course. They are working to supply the Red Cross approved shelter at the Sudbury Senior Center which can hold 70 evacuees (L/S High School has	<p>Dave mentioned that Red Cross standards for accessibility in shelters are not in conformance with the ADA requirements. He noted that CERT should make an independent assessment of the accessibility of the overflow shelters, since clergy may not be aware of all the requirements.</p> <p>There is some confusion/overlap</p>	<p>CERT will offer the Emergency Call List forms at their table on Sudbury Day.</p> <p>Cert will offer two courses in the fall: a Red-Cross course on sheltering, and a Sudbury Adult Ed course on what CERT is.</p>

	<p>also been Red Cross approved).</p> <p>CERT has also been approaching clergy at religious facilities around town to see if they would accept evacuees in case of overflow from the approved shelters.</p> <p>CERT has developed an affiliation with Emerson Hospital.</p>	<p>about the respective roles of CERT and the MRC.</p>	
Go Bag	<p>There is a question of funding for the Go-Bags. Perhaps the Rotary will donate money to purchase some pre-filled bags, or perhaps the CERT fund raising group will provide funds, and the VIP committee could assemble Go Bags from materials purchased with the money.</p>	<p>The Go Bags could be distributed according to a model that has worked well for the Fire Department/Senior Center Lock Box program. Bags would be provided free of charge to those who could not afford one, but would be available to those who can afford them at replacement cost. Funds collected would be used to purchase a new Go Bag for someone else.</p>	<p>Kris will talk with Richard Simon about the funding and assembly issues.</p>
Emergency Call List? Voluntary registry	<p>The list was activated last week during a day of heat and poor air quality. One participant was found to have died in the past few months, and one had moved out of Sudbury. The others were delighted to receive the call checking on their welfare.</p> <p>Joann suggested that the group identify everyone 85 and older and do a mailing to them offering the Emergency Call list service.</p>	<p>Kris spoke to the Town Clerk to see if a check box for people to self-identify as wanting to be on the list and as needing extra help if there is an evacuation, and sent the clerk a sample of a format used in Plymouth.</p> <p>The clerk was concerned that such an addition might imply that there would be special help available, and that might not be the case, and also said the census form could not be modified since it is a state document.</p>	<p>The issue of identifying isolated seniors and people with disabilities is of concern both to the VIP committee and the Commission on Disability, so they will work together to see what can be done.</p>
Educational Event	<p>The group would like to produce an</p>	<p>Topic tabled until next meeting.</p>	

	educational event for the public, such as a personal preparedness table top exercise.		
Mission update	The VIP committee would like some input from the greater LEPC as to what they would like from the committee.		Kris will speak with Richard Simon.
New Business			
New 911 System	The police have installed a new 911 system.		The group would like an update on the system's capabilities.
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