

Sudbury LEPC VIP (Vulnerable In-town Populations) Subcommittee

Minutes of meeting Wednesday, September 26 2007; 10:00 AM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Frost Farm; Marilyn Fatherly, Longfellow Glen; 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; Jo-Anne Howe, Sudbury Housing Authority; Barry Joress, Wingate; Martha Lynn, Sudbury Town Social Worker; Ruth Mori, Parmenter VNA; Richard Simon, Coordinator, Sudbury LEPC; Elizabeth Weisner, Orchard Hill

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Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Minutes of meeting August 8, 2007	Minutes accepted as submitted		
Old Business			
CERT	<p>Barbara reported on CERT activity. There will be a drill November 14 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center, in which the building will be set up as it would be if there were a need to use it as a shelter.</p> <p>Nine people so far have enrolled in the CERT course to be offered at L/S beginning October 9. Maureen Valente sent an e-mail to all Department Heads and all Board and Commissions suggesting they attend.</p> <p>Can the shelter accommodate people with disabilities? What about overflow shelters in religious institutions? Who would staff those shelters and how would they be</p>	<p>FEMA has grants for local entities to conduct CERT trainings. MEMA will use this money to run a regional CERT training.</p> <p>CERT is seeking agreements with Sudbury Farms and Shaws to provide food to shelters if needed, and with Sudbury Drug to deliver medications to shelters.</p>	

	equipped with cots, etc.?		
Go Bag	<p>16 Go-Bags on rollers have been donated thanks to Sally Sack, who is trying to get donations from drugstores to fill the bags. The Senior Center is donating Files of Life and bottle-opener/penknives for the bags.</p> <p>The Red cross will not supply their “comfort kits” for the bags</p>	<p>The Go Bags will be distributed to seniors and people with disabilities who can’t afford to assemble their own bag or do not have the ability to gather the needed contents.</p> <p>When someone wants one who can afford to pay, a donation will be requested, and the money will go to purchase a new bag and contents.</p>	Barbara will come up with an estimate of the monetary value of a filled Go Bag, which can be used as the suggested donation amount.
Emergency Call List/ Voluntary registry	<p>Dave spoke with Town Clerk Rosemary Harvell about including a questionnaire for people to self-identify as needed extra help in emergencies with the Town Census. Rosemary said that there is a policy against this, but that in view of the importance of the information, she will speak to Maureen Valente to see if an exception can be made.</p> <p>Dave explained that the Mass Commission for the Blind, though prevented from revealing the names of those enrolled with it, is willing to send a mailing to all their listed Sudbury people with vision impairments inviting them to join the Commission on Disability.</p>	The VIP Committee and the Commission on Disability can collaborate on the questionnaire.	Dave will hear back from Rosemary, and if this is approved, will meet with Kris to draft a questionnaire for discussion by the VIP and the Commission on Disability.
Educational Event	Dave said that the National Organization on Disability has set up a 12-month publicity campaign to help people with disabilities get themselves ready to cope with a disaster or	Since much of the material applies both to people with disabilities and seniors who may have impairments, the VIP Committee will partner with the Commission on Disability to	Kris will contact the MetroWest News, the Sudbury Town Crier and the Boston Globe to see if they are open to printing a monthly

	emergency. The topics are: January, Get Informed; February, Personal Assessment; March, Get Involved; April, Identify a Personal Support Network; May, Identify Shelters; June, Develop a Personal Communication plan; July, Build a Ready Kit and a Go Bag; August, Drill for Emergencies; September, Prepare for Pets and Service Animals; October, Emergency Prep at Work; November, Ready for Emergencies while Traveling; December, Year End Review.	make this information available to the public in the press.	column.
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			
Transportation	How would people who use wheelchairs get to shelters?	The police would use the Senior Center's two wheelchair lift equipped vans to help people get to shelters. Who would drive?	
Telephone Tree	The Fire Department will contact VIP group members as needed if there is an emergency.		Members will give evening and weekend and cell phone contact information to Kris for transmission to the Fire Department.
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