

## Sudbury LEPC VIP (Vulnerable In-town Populations) Subcommittee

Minutes of Meeting Wednesday, April 30, 2008; 10:00 AM, Wingate

**Present:** Rocky Conrado, Sudbury Police; Roberta Henderson, Sudbury Pines Extended Care; Kristin Kiesel, Council on Aging; Sally Sack, Springhouse Pond; Linda Sullivan, Parmenter;

**Also invited:** Barbara Bahlkow, Frost Farm; Michael Carroll, Assistant Fire Chief; Marilyn Fatherly, Longfellow Glen; Lt. Rick Glavin, Sudbury Police Department; Jo-Anne Howe, Sudbury Housing Authority; Martha Lynn, Sudbury Town Social Worker; David Mortimer, Chair, Sudbury Commission on Disability; Wayne Pultman, Wingate Healthcare; Richard Simon, Coordinator, Sudbury LEPC; Elizabeth Weisner, Orchard Hill

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Minutes of meeting March 19, 2008	Minutes accepted as written.		
<b>Old Business</b>			
CERT	Barbara Bahlkow could not attend due to a funeral, but CERT is running a training course and continues to work on getting MREs for the Senior Center shelter.		
Voluntary Registry	Linda Sullivan reports that so far about 20 forms have been received. Linda has called each person to give further help and info about emergency preparedness, and has entered the information into the computer database. Currently the information is only available to police, fire, and Linda.	Although each household in Sudbury received the form, very few people are filling it out. Possible reasons: people have unrealistic ideas about their situation, including reliance on family members who might not be able to come and assist, depending on the emergency. We still do not feel comfortable that we know who and where are the people who need extra help.	
Day cares	Kris spoke with Tricia Kelly of the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. She was glad that the VIP is focusing in all populations in Sudbury. The EEC publishes a <i>Child Care Emergency Plan</i>	Roberta has a staff member who goes to the monthly meeting of day care directors. This meeting is usually among the directors of the larger centers, with not much participation from	Roberta will ask her staff person to provide contact information.

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	<p>document available on their website at: <a href="http://www.eec.state.ma.us/docs/TAEmergencyPlanningGCCSACC.pdf">http://www.eec.state.ma.us/docs/TAEmergencyPlanningGCCSACC.pdf</a> for the guidance of day cares. While following the steps in this manual is not mandatory, the EEC is recommending that all day cares develop such a plan. She also suggested that the best way to make contact with our Sudbury day cares would be to ask to go to their monthly meeting.</p>	<p>the smaller, family-style centers.</p>	
Heat	<p>The warm weather season is approaching. More Americans die of heat-related issues than of all other meteorological events (like hurricanes, earthquakes, and tornados) combined. The Senior Center staff calls the approximately 33 people who are on the emergency call list to do a well being check in extreme weather. The police and fire departments both have callers who call for assistance regularly who are not known to the Senior Center.</p> <p>Roberta said that BayPath will pay Sudbury Pines to shelter anyone who needs shelter in a heat emergency due to health conditions, whether or not the person is a BayPath client.</p>	<p>Outreach to the “frequent users” of emergency services might be possible. If a staff person from each department could call those who use emergency services two-three times a year and offer them a chance to be on the emergency call list, this would give the individuals an opportunity to give verbal permission to share their names with the Senior Center. Then they could be proactively called in case of a heat-related event.</p>	<p>Kris will speak with Chief Fadgen and Chief MacLean to see if they are open to this idea.</p>
Go Bags	<p>The Go Bag program is being publicized in the May <i>Sudbury Senior Scene</i> newsletter. No requests yet.</p>	<p>When Linda calls people on the Voluntary Registry she can let them know that the Go Bags are available.</p>	
<b>New Business</b>			
Publicity	<p>Roberta suggested that the high school radio station might take on publicizing emergency preparedness and the Voluntary Registry as a project.</p>		

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