

Tuesday, 12 January 2010

Meeting Notes - Sudbury Medical Reserve Corps

MRC Executive Committee Members ('+' = *present*; '-' = *absent*)

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| + Carol Bradford | - Jon Harding |
| + Pascal Cleve | - Bob Leupold |
| + Marilyn Ellsworth | - Ipp Matjucha |
| + Dale Farmer | + John Stevens |

H1N1 Flu Clinics

In Bob's absence, John conveyed Bob's message that he was "delightfully surprised" by the Sudbury MRC volunteer turnout and support for setting up and running the H1N1 flu clinics in Town, and extended Bob's thanks and appreciation, especially to Marilyn and Carol who had lead roles in recruiting MRC volunteers and operating the clinics, respectively. The help and support from Victoria Parsons (Sudbury Health Department Technical Assistant), Julia Kenney (Interim-Sudbury Public Health Nurse), and Linda Sullivan (Sudbury Public Health Nurse) were also acknowledged.

Plans for tomorrow's H1N1 Flu Clinic at PNS Gymnasium were briefly reviewed, and adequate MRC volunteer-staffing was confirmed. John introduced for comment and feedback an evaluation feedback form he planned to include as one of the forms flu clinic participants complete. There was general support for this notion and no suggested changes to the proposed evaluation feedback form.

Sudbury MRC Accountabilities

John introduced for discussion the notion of providing Liisa Jackson regular updates about the activities of the Sudbury MRC for inclusion in her MRC Region 4-A monthly report to the State, as well as making a more proactive effort to engage and report to the Sudbury Board of Health. There was general support for these notions but the actual mechanisms for doing so require further discussion.

Partnerships, Collaborations & Alliances

John introduced for discussion the notion of more actively strengthening the Sudbury MRC's 'partnership' with Sudbury CERT, as well as more proactively engaging and supporting the local MRCs from abutting and surrounding towns. Again, there was general support for these notions but the actual mechanisms for doing so require further discussion.

John relayed Liisa Jackson's call for additional MRC medical volunteers to help staff H1N1 Flu Clinics planned in the towns of Lexington, Carlisle, Ashland, Concord, and Medfield. There was general agreement that the Sudbury MRC would not be able to respond at this time due to our own Flu Clinic staffing demands and the short time frame for responding to these needs.

Planning & Building the Sudbury MRC

John distributed for future discussion a 12-month calendar of potential annual Sudbury MRC events, promotion activities, and trainings. Those present agreed to give this 'proposal' some thought for later discussion.

Housekeeping

John proposed that the Sudbury MRC Executive Committee meet the same night every month to enable members to anticipate and plan their schedules accordingly. There was general support for this notion and the Second Tuesday of every month was designated as meeting night for the Sudbury MRC-EC (7:30-9:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Public Works Building).

Next meeting date... Tuesday, 09 February.

Prepared and submitted by:
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