

Tuesday, 08 June 2010

Meeting Notes - Sudbury Medical Reserve Corps

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

+ Carol Bradford	+ Bob Leupold
+ Marilyn Ellsworth	- Ipp Matjucha
+ Dale Farmer	+ John Stevens

11 May EC meeting minutes were accepted. John will forward them to Victoria who will then post them on the Sudbury MRC website.

Eric Mandelbaum, a dentist and Stow resident who was very active in administering H1N1 vaccine doses at several Sudbury Flu Clinics this past winter, was also present on the invitation of Ipp Matjucha to consider joining the Sudbury MRC-Executive Committee.

'OLD' Business

MRC-Executive Committee Resignations

Bob confirmed that the appointments of Pascal Cleve and Jon Harding to the MRC Executive Committee expired as of 30 April. He will present nominees for EC membership to the Sudbury Board of Health once they are identified, and then carry the BoH's EC appointment recommendations to the Selectmen for approval.

Bob will also see to it that Pascal and Jon are removed from the MRC-EC email group but remain on the general Sudbury MRC volunteer list.

Recruitment of New MRC-EC Members

Eric Mandelbaum was invited by Ipp to consider serving on the Sudbury MRC-EC. Eric confirmed at this meeting his interest in doing so and agreed to initiate and complete the EC appointment process.

Carol Bradford reported that Susan Sama, a Sudbury Nurse, has also agreed to serve on the Sudbury MRC-EC. Carol will help shepherd Susan through the EC appointment process.

John Stevens reported that Joe Eiduson, a Sudbury resident, Rabbi, and EMT-in-training, is also willing to serve on the Sudbury MRC-EC. Joe has, however, an ongoing commitment on Tuesday evenings that conflicts with the current Tuesday evening schedule for Sudbury MRC-EC meetings. Options and alternatives will be discussed.

Bob raised the question of how many MRC-EC members should be added ...2 or 3, and will check with the Selectmen regarding their assumptions and expectations re: this.

Expanded Roles/Events for Sudbury MRC Volunteers

Bob conveyed his support for this idea, including the suggestion that public health and community education and information programs be developed and presented by MRC volunteers. Such programs as 'Avoiding and Treating Tic-Borne Illnesses' that both dispel myths and promote facts can be presented 'live' and/or recorded for broadcast on Sudbury TV Cable 8 as a way to elevate Sudbury residents' awareness of the local MRC organization. Local news headlines and events may help define topical subjects for these programs. Planning and development for these programs will resume at the September EC meeting.

'NEW' Business

Health Director Report/Update

Bob reported that the Grant Cycle begins again in August but that the EC should begin thinking about fund raising to supplement or substitute for grant money that supports MRC development, growth, and service as grant money continues to shrink for this purpose. Bob emphasized that while it is possible that some grant money might be appropriately used to promote awareness of the MRC and its events/activities via paid advertizing etc., funds from other sources could be used for this more easily.

Bob reported that \$500 in grant money was awarded to Lily Gordon for CPR/AED supplies and materials in anticipation of future CPR/AED community training events.

Bob reported that some grant money has been used to purchase equipment and supplies in preparation for a medically-oriented response to a community crisis or need, e.g., portable privacy screens, sandwich board signage, stanchions for demarcating lines and stations, etc.

Bob reported that State/Regional development of Emergency Dispensing Site plans are continuing to evolve and will, as an example, include the expectation that local MRCs develop the capability to transport MRC volunteers from a central gathering point to the EDS site in the event that available parking at the site needs to be reserved for client-residents.

Bob, who as Sudbury Health Director was called to the Cavicchio Greenhouse/Nursery fire last month, commented on how well Sudbury Fire Captain Tim Choate had managed the situation as Incident Commander using the ICS framework, and expressed support for the idea that MRC volunteers be familiar with the tenets and protocols of the ICS framework.

MRC Promotion/Awareness in Sudbury

Eric suggested that local faith-based communities might agree to include MRC announcements and/or promos in their congregational newsletters. There was general support for this idea as part of a larger strategy for MRC promotion and volunteer recruitment which will be discussed further at the next MRC-EC meeting.

Summer Hiatus

The MRC-EC agreed to forego meetings in July and August and resume again in September.

Next meeting date... Tuesday, 14 September

Prepared and submitted by:
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