

**Tuesday, 09 November 2010**

Meeting Notes - Sudbury Medical Reserve Corps

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

+ Carol Bradford	+ Bob Leupold	+ Susan Sama (provisional)
+ Marilyn Ellsworth	+ Ipp Matjucha	+ Eric Mendelbaum (provisional)
+ Dale Farmer	- John Stevens	

In the absence of John Stevens, MRC-EC Chair, this meeting was chaired by Marilyn Ellsworth.

### ***'OLD' Business***

#### **Appointment of New MRC-Executive Committee Members**

Susan Sama and Eric Mendelbaum have not yet received notice of their official acceptance to the MRCEC committee. They also did not receive notice of the flu clinic. Victorian Parsons has now added them to the contact list successfully.

#### **Citizen Corps Grant**

The committee unanimously voted to spend \$1150 of the grant funds on a badging machine with a camera. Bob Leupold reports that there are only 3 badging machines for the 34 towns in MA with MRC committees. This will enable us to get up to speed with badging for the Sudbury MRC. If further funds are needed for purchase, Bob will obtain funding from the Town.

Liisa sent a list of current DVD's available free of charge to use for MRC volunteer education.

We also discussed purchasing DVD screens/computer equipment needed to show the videos. Region 4A has grant money available to purchase first aid supplies that are still needed for the van.

Bob reports that we have \$150 left in food cards if needed for public event refreshments.

#### **Expanded Roles/Events for Sudbury MRC Volunteers**

Ipp has completed his letter that will go out to volunteers asking for their help in sharing talents on public health topics to educate the public. He has sent the letter to MRCEC members for editing.

Possible topics of public education were discussed. Susan proposed that we hold a blood drive with the Red Cross. We could hold the drive in memory of the teen who recently died in a car crash. Carol's son was a friend of the teen. After a respectable interval, Carol will ask the family if this is something that they would welcome. At the same time, we discussed having Sudbury's Safety Officer, Rocky Conrado, share tips to stay safe around prom time. We also discussed asking for donations at events like this for the MRC. Other discussions included having an MRC tent set up at L-S sporting events. CPR classes may need to be held again, as requirements for mouth to mouth resuscitation have recently changed. Susan proposed that we need to address proper disposal of needles. Carol shared that the disposal of outdated Epi pens is a problem, but there is now a mail service available for used pens. We also discussed safe disposal of light bulbs which contain mercury. It doesn't seem that we have frequent enough hazardous waste clinics. A drive for the Food Pantry was discussed, and Marilyn will check with the Food Pantry to see when they might most be in need of our help. Sudbury schools also do regular food drives. Other possible topics of education proposed include space heater safety, carbon monoxide, falls on ice, emergency supplies, how to help Seniors who are homebound during storms.

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**Flu Clinics**

Flu Clinics on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> , held at Peter Noyes School, went well. Carol Bradford and Linda Sullivan helped to set up the clinics which ran very smoothly. MRC volunteers assisted with the response being less than last year's. However, Marilyn pointed out that had there been the need, we could have used the phone tree as we did last year and would probably have had a higher response. Marilyn also volunteered at the Senior Center's flu clinic held on Thursday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Library Display Ideas for January at Goodnow**

The MRC has the library display case for the month of January. Marilyn will ask Gail Close to help with set up. Perhaps topics of public safety will be the focus this year along with getting out the message of MRC's mission and need for volunteers.

**December MRC-EC Meeting**

There will be no December meeting.

***'NEW' Business***

No 'New Business' recorded

***Next meeting date... Tuesday, 11 January, 7:30 pm***

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