

**DC Health Care Association
Emergency Management Committee**

Minutes of the Meeting

April 10, 2013

I. Welcome and Introductions:

The DCHCA Emergency Management Meeting was called to order by Gail Jernigan, Chair, at 11:05AM on Wednesday April 10, 2013. The Meeting was being hosted at The Washington Nursing Facility.

Present:

Gail Jernigan, Chair, Chris Winston, Cory Seward (Guest), Irving Jones, Thu Huyah, Sonja Mclean, Garth Grannum.

On conference call:

Veronica Damesyn ED/DCHCA, Carole Pollara (Carroll Manor), Ron Wilson (CBL), Ted Neiman (Deanwood), Karen Fryer (Methodist), Ali Abdubarr (WCAS), Lance Severance (The Washington Home) and Calvin Sutton (TWH)

Meeting Schedule: May's meeting on May 8, 2013 will be hosted by The Methodist Home; June is hosted by Brinton Woods; July by Carroll Manor; no meeting in August; September by Carolyn Boone Lewis. Need volunteers for October, November, and December.

II. Our Guest: Cory Seward, Sale Consultant with Teltronic –HMARS Radios.

(Cory.Seward@teltronic.com)

- Cory had discovered that one or more of our DC Nursing Facilities has gone beyond the mandates of the grant – that is, all HMARS radios and hand-held radios are licensed to use only one frequency – to use more than that without FCC permission may set up a provider for a fine of more than \$100,000. use to the VHF and UHF land mobile frequency bands.
- Cory is available to check facilities' radios for compliance with the FCC

Questions for Cory Seward:

Will there be a cost for the radio repair/replace?

When will FCC go digital? (He was able to answer these questions at this time)

III. For the Committee:

The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and accepted by all present.

A. “Fire Safety/Life Safety /Emergency Management in DC Nursing facilities and Assisted Living Facilities” seminar was held on March 20, 2013 at Washington Center for Aging Services and attended by over 100 people from our Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities.

Continued Questions for Ted Fykes

- “Fire Inspection” -- If the building is 100% sprinkled and the ceiling is intact there should be no reason according to the fire code to go above the ceiling tiles for inspection except at the barrier walls.

The committees suggested that all facilities should request clarification from different ceiling tiles manufactures regarding their flame retardant rating and whether they are considered a smoke barrier and/or fireproof.

**B. DC Emergency Management Coalition: Exercise: Silent Fury April 18 and 19, 2013
April 18th (12 noon – 4 PM), April 19th (8 am – 12 noon)**

1. Facility must prepare their own objectives and fit it in to the MSEL (Master Scenario Event List) – objectives must be given to Craig DeAtley
2. Briefing 4-11-13: Objectives must be turned in
3. Hot Wash – After Action Review on 4-22-2013 – must attend in person at the Ready Room in Washington Hospital Center ER Department

Facilities that will participate in the Silent Fury:

- Washington Nursing Facility
- Lisner Home
- Stoddard Baptist
- Methodist Home
- Washington Center
- Washington Home
- Carroll Manor
- Unique
- Sibley
- Carolyn Boone Lewis

C. Coalition Partner Reports

DC – DOH and HEPRA is developing an emergency preparedness resource guide for people with access and functional needs. Survey sent out to facility, respond ASAP. May 15- 2013 there will be a forum for the Emergency Preparedness Resource Guide for Vulnerable Populations. Craig DeAtley will send out information about the forum.

Dialysis Center: DaVita Corporate met with Craig DeAtley will work toward being in coalition.

D. Craig DeAtley – Information on Work Groups

Work groups are up-dating city-wide EOP and practices. This plan was approved by the EMC. Work group working on survey for facilities to evaluate functions and supplies in facilities (i.e. generators and supplies needed in an emergency situation).

Work group also will be issuing survey on template usage in facility. The Templates that were developed (i.e. Mass Casualties, Burns, and Security) are they being used?

From the seminar on Security in Hospitals and SNF's (April 2, 2013) talked about Code PINK {Infant /Child Abduction}, There is a CD showing how a child can be abducted that Craig DeAtley has in his office. If needed contact Craig's assistant, Wendy, by e-mail for copy (Wendy.G.Clark@medstar.net).

E. Citywide Emergency Management Committee Task Forces

1. HMARS Task Team continue to meet reorganizing HIS

a. Members should check system to see continuous changes.

* Changes approved by coalition

2. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Task Team will be sending out surveys for equipment for facilities. Please respond to Surveys for PPE so we can receive equipment for our facilities.

F. Other Business:

MOUs – Just 6 facilities have yet to send back a signed copy of the Memorandum of Understanding – Forest Side, Ingleside, Thomas Circle, Little Sisters, SHE/Hadley and Knollwood.

Bariatric Transport: DC Fire Identification – In May of 2013, DC Fire & EMS will put 2 ambulances able to transport bariatric residents (defined as over 500lbs).

Gail Jernigan reported that she emailed all facilities requesting the number of bariatric residents in their facilities. Only 5 facilities responded. and of those responding, there were no bariatric residents.

More than 200 people attended the Medsled/Evacusled training held at Carroll Manor and The Methodist Home. In our discussion, we realized that there are at least 3 types of evacuation sleds used in the DC facilities and there was a little confusion about where these sleds should be installed, stored, and used.

The attendees were reminded that the May meeting will be held on May 8, 2013 at The Methodist Home at 11:00AM.

All facilities were informed to bring their facility's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to the meeting as its annual review will be foremost on our agenda and is a grant deliverable. Chris Winston of Washington Nursing Facility agreed to e-mail everyone his EOP.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail L. Jernigan, Chair