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Greater Franklin-Bristol Public Health Region
RCC Meeting Minutes
Andover Town Offices
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- Introductions and Welcome: Rick welcomed everyone
- Jim spoke about extension funding, \$59,500 the amount approved was \$37,560 or 63 % of what was requested. Jim spoke that we will be hiring Lee Kimball, of LMK Associates to update the POD plans with the new format. That will involve two POD plans and he mentioned that the new templates are easier to use. He also mentioned that there was \$8150.00 approved for EOC upgrades including SMART boards, for web-eoc use etc. Chief Smith and Chief Yannuzi commented on how useful these tools will be and thanked Jim for all his efforts. We expect to go to Governor and Council in January. Also there is a conference in Atlanta and some Microsoft Software and extra mileage money that were approved also.
- Carole Totskay spoke of the new Functional Needs Guidance. She mentioned that a committee developed a template to embed in the State Emergency Operation Plan, and Local Emergency Operations Plan. All planning would be in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act. (www.ada.gov). How do we embed this into those plans; in chapter 7 of the toolkit there are 49 questions. These questions can assist you in determining how to plan with this focus in mind. Carole reviewed the template, she also spoke of registries, and only VY and Seabrook are required to have that thru the RERP. Some regions have supplemental ALI program (only for 911). Training, Crisis and risk communication, transportation, evacuation are all covered in this template. Sheltering; FEMA released new guidance in the past month, indicating that there will be shelters accessible for all, not a separate shelter for those with functional needs. In addition to this there could be a need for an additional shelter for those with special medical needs. The state will be developing a cache of some durable medical equipment that could be used at some of these shelters. Sandy Weld spoke of some of the items that she would like to have in this cache. Red Cross now needs to handle these folks in their shelters. Carole finished the presentation speaking about DART and animal shelters. Chief Smith mentioned that he felt the only way this would be possible would be to do on a regional basis. Carol Plumb asked about HIPPA requirements on this planning. Rick asked if there would be cross referencing their supply inventory with the regional supply inventory. Jim asked if the Red Cross would open a shelter if it was not ADA compliant. The answer is that Red Cross would not support that shelter if it was not in compliance.
- Jim spoke about the POD sub-committee, he asked for a group to go out to assist with Lee. **Rick, Chief Yannuzzi and Chief Smith, Andy Phelps** will work on this sub-committee, thank you to all who agreed to assist.



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- Rick spoke of the HEAL grant and mentioned that there are several big new grants that we will be applying for. Also a large section of the Rail Trail is now complete. Liz Lawrence has been doing a strategic plan with the Healthy Homes committee, and they are applying for new grants including an EPA grant.
- Maren spoke on the school immunization program. Mollen was contracted to offer school based clinics for seasonal flu. 241 students in the region have been vaccinated thru this program. The state will determine if they will continue this program in upcoming years, as this was just a pilot program. The vaccination numbers were much higher last year. Dec 5th-11th is national immunization week.
- Jim spoke of the TTX and I.C.S. 402 classes, as well as a POD workshop to prepare for the date for that class is January 13, at PSU. Perhaps we will do a functional exercise next year.
- Donna reviewed the workplan for the CERT program and mentioned how the program does not require the submission of a workplan; however, it is the only volunteer program we work on that does that have one at this time. Donna asked if the group would take a vote, Rick made a motion that we accepted the work plan it was seconded by George Whitaker and voted on unanimously
- Rick spoke of the programs in the region, bridges to prevention, regional and community wide assessments every 5 years.
- Jim spoke of his work plan and the fact that the Greater Franklin-Bristol plan is on-line now at the CERT/MRC web-site www.gfbcertmrc.com you can download any of the necessary information for the plan; ie MACE plan, resource directory etc. This will also be on e-studio. We may use this to find documents during the table top.
- There was general discussion about the web-site and plans.
- January 25th at Franklin Hospital will be the next RCC meeting; meeting was adjourned at 1100 hours.