

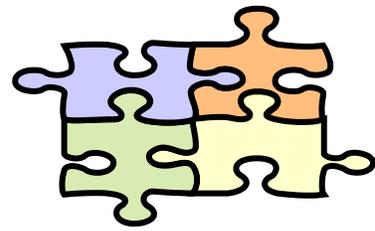
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Meeting Notes, November 8, 2016

Present: Al Barber, Hinesburg Fire; Josh Cox, DEMHS; Bob Henneberger, CERT/RACES; John Berino, UVM Medical Center; Kate Hammond, VT Dept. of Health; Steve Cushing, St. Michael's College; Cheryl Brinkman, VDH Laboratory; Peter Murray, Geotech; Joe Duncan, CWD; also CCRPC senior planner Lee Krohn, AICP.

There were no changes to the agenda, nor public comment on items not on the agenda.

With no questions or concerns, the meeting notes of September 13, 2016 were accepted by unanimous consent.

Joe Duncan, Project/Program Chief Engineer for Champlain Water District, gave an informative presentation about CWD's system base, service area, and infrastructure, as well as their approaches to emergency preparedness and management. CWD was formed in 1973 as a municipal corporation, with an elected board of commissioners from the eight communities it serves. CWD serves 12 municipal water systems, covering roughly 70 square miles. With nearly 75,000 customers, average daily flow is 9.73 million gallons/day (MGD). System capacity is 20MGD. They have an annual program of system maintenance, upkeep, and inspections, but a common problem relates to construction projects where excavation does not properly account for the presence of water mains and service lines. CWD has plans and systems in place for redundant power supplies, 'looped' systems, and interconnections, but with 54 miles of transmission lines, 600 miles of distribution lines, and multiple storage tanks, pumps, and other infrastructure, cannot guarantee uninterrupted service in every possible circumstance. They have partnerships with DEMHS and others they can call upon when needed.

Lee Krohn gave an overview of the Regional Dispatch Implementation Study now underway, facilitated by CCRPC in partnership with member municipalities. Given fiscal challenges, the number of dispatch agencies in the county, potential improvements in efficiency, greater opportunities for staff training/advancement, and the many issues presently in play with E-911 and Vermont State Police call taking/dispatching, the time may be right to move beyond questions of feasibility (answered many times in the past) and toward a roadmap to one or more successful models for a more regional approach to this essential service. The study is on a fast track, with a goal for completion by early 2017.

Organizational matters were discussed. Bylaws and membership were discussed in broad overview, with questions raised about how much of these were fixed and dictated by federal law, or could these be simplified to reflect reality, and for purposes of efficiency and effectiveness? Al will ask Len Wallace of EPA to our next meeting to discuss these and other matters related to EPCRA and Tier II reporting and participation. Lee will try to work with the Tier II list to expand the mailing list and potential participation. Working with the Tier II data is not an easy process. In the meantime, LEPC members should submit any questions, ideas, suggestions, or concerns on the existing LEPC bylaws to Lee by Thanksgiving, so that we may have an informed and efficient discussion at our next meeting. A TTX was requested.

Project updates:

Geotech was welcomed as a new participant. They may qualify as an environmental industry member. St. Michael's has had a tough year, and is still working through public safety/EM staff transitions. Red Cross has had several staff deployments to affected regions, and will host a Disaster Boot Camp for volunteers. Vermont Department of Health reminded all about getting flu shots, and flu reporting available at healthvermont.gov. MRC is up to 68 members now; they distributed 400 warm weather preparedness kits. They are working on closed POD sites, and are working to coordinate provision of psychological first aid and mental health assistance in disaster incidents. The VDH Laboratory is settled in its new building, is working with Colchester Fire, and offered an open invitation to host an LEPC meeting there, and/or for an LEPC field trip. All is well at CERT and RACES. RACES gave a demonstration at last week's Emergency Preparedness conference. DEMHS had sent out its monthly report and training bulletin. A request was made for more complete training info. The LEPC financial report was reviewed; LEPC #1 remains solvent.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 12/13 at 0900 hours. With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Krohn, AICP.

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