

DC Health Care Association (DCHCA)

Emergency Management Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

May 8, 2013

I. A. Welcome and Introductions:

The DCHCA Emergency Management Meeting was called to order by Gail Jernigan, Chair, at 11:05AM on Wednesday May 8, 2013. The Meeting was being hosted at The Methodist Home of D.C.

Present:

Gail Jernigan, Chair (Washington Nursing Facility), Duty Officers/Co-Chairs Chris Winston (Washington Nursing Facility) and Karen Fryer (The Methodist Home); Harvey Washington (Lisner), Thu Huyah (Carolyn Boone Lewis), Sonja Mclean (The Renaissance Unit at Sibley), Michael Jackson (The Specialty Hospital of Washington).

On conference call:

Veronica Damesyn ED/DCHCA, Carole Pollara (Carroll Manor), Ron Wilson (CBL), Ali Abdubarr (Duty Officer and Co-Chair/WCAS), Irving Jones (Duty Officer and Co-Chair/Brinton Woods), Lance Severance (The Washington Home), Garth Grannum (Duty Officer and Co-Chair/Unique). It is hoped that all facilities will send representatives to the meeting or join us on the conference call. These facilities are: Deanwood, Ingleside, Little Sisters, Knollwood, Thomas Circle, Forest Side, Stoddard, and United Medical Nursing Center.

B. Meeting Schedule

The Meeting Schedule: June's meeting is hosted by Brinton Woods; July by Carroll Manor; no meeting in August; September by Carolyn Boone Lewis, October by The Washington Home; November by Lisner; and December by Sibley (with permission).

C. Review and Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the April 10, 2013 were review and a motion for their approval was made by Sonja McLean and seconded by Karen Fryer. All others were in favor of the motion.

II. Old Business

A. Question from last meet about when the FCC will go digital? Ron Wilson responded by saying that the FCC is moving in that direction but it is yet to be a mandate for the facilities. It is suggested that any further purchases be digital. Garth Grannum added that the problem is that digital radios are more expensive and the problem is mixing digital with analog. Cory Seward of Teltronics is looking for a radio which accepts both.

B. Ceiling Tile – Ali Abdubarr has given us a print out of “Ceiling Tile Fire Ratings from Ceilume’s Tiles” see attached. The issue still remains that Mr. Fykes contends that the fire/smoke rating is compromised if the tile is stained.

C. Our SNFs which participated in the citywide disaster drill called “Silent Fury” did very well and evaluated their goals of sheltering in place and review of their Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Some of the issues that were uncovered by the participants included: problems with the HIS, timely receipt of notifications, changes needed to the Dashboard, no SNFs were on the rollcall, DOH radio was never used, no one acknowledged what residents were accepted by the SNFs, 9-1-1 may not be quick to respond during disaster. Those participating were:

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

D. Discussion regarding the three different types of Evacuation Sleds that were bought for and are being used at our SNFs. Karen Fryer posted a You Tube link, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZGOoyNwsHA>, for us to use in teaching evacuation by medi-sled. The group does feel that a short seminar on the three types of sleds.

III. For the Committee:

A. Emergency Operation Plans – Chris Winston reviewed what he had included in the EOP for the Washington Nursing Facility. He acknowledges that he needs to add sections on Mass Fatality and Active Shooter. Veronica reminded the group about the templates that are available on the HIS for writing these and other sections of a facility’s EOP. A very lively discussion ensued about the need to address trash removal during the time of a citywide disaster OR as is more frequently the case, a facility compactor which has operational issues and becomes inoperable. Meeting with a representative with Waste Management (WMI) is and Gail asked for samples of that company’s “Bagster” available at Lowe’s or Home Depot where large amounts of trash could be contained and subsequently picked up at a later date. WMI is working on getting a sample for the next meeting. In addition, it was suggested that if your trash compactor was not hooked up to the emergency generator, a facility might consider doing that.

B. Gail discussed the signing of the **Coalition’s Mutual Aid Agreements**. We still need them signed by Little Sisters of the Poor, Forest Side, Ingleside, Thomas Circle and SHW/Hadley. Michael Jackson, Director of Safety and Security with Specialty Hospitals agreed to get the one signed for Hadley. Karen Fryer is to get the one signed for Forest Side. Gail will do the rest.

C. Other Business:

All facilities were encouraged to respond to the DCEHC Facility Resource Resiliency Survey of 2013. The facilities were asked to send in their survey and copy it to Gail Jernigan.

We need to think about our deliverables for the upcoming grant year. Veronica encouraged us all to think seriously about a Table Top exercise with a facilitator to assist us to consider issues that we must be prepared for during a disaster.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail L. Jernigan, Chair