

**Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council
Advisory Committee Minutes
September 20, 2012**

Attendees: William Austin (Chairman) Dagmar Noll (WINCOG Norma Peterson (Fairfield CC/R1 CCC); Don Davis (Ellington); Sue Prosi (SWRPA); Kristin Thomas (CCRPA); Greg Martin (CCRPA); Don Janelle (Manchester & CEMA); Joel Severance (Region 2); Art McLean (American Legion); Paul Gibb (LHCEO/PSTF); Garry Ruggiero (DEMHS); Peter Dorpalen (COGCNV); Jim Larkin (NECCOG); Viola Heath (CRCOG).

Chairman Austin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and introductions.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the July 19, 2012 meeting minutes was made by Gary Ruggiero seconded by Joel Severance. All in favor so voted.

Guest Speaker: None

Report on State DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting: No report.

Old Business:

Correspondence

Correspondence received and sent was read by Chairman Austin.

American Legion NET Program Update

No report

DEMHS Report

Gary Ruggiero reported that we should continue to send all funding applications and reimbursements to him at the Sigourney Street address and that a date has not been set for his move to Middletown.

Statewide Operational Update

Updates and changes were made to applicable levels.

Draft Guide on DEMHS CERT Grant

The draft guide is almost complete, a copy will be issued in draft for review; the final version should be ready by January, 2013.

CERT Weekend

Gary Ruggiero reported one hundred and thirty five people are signed up each day for CERT weekend and that some classes filled so quickly that other classes had to be added. North East Utilities will be present, Yankee Gas will make a presentation, and USAR will train on wide area searches; there is cribbing and WEBEOC.

New Business:

Liability Review Committee

Norma Peterson, liability review committee chair, indicated she will include Benda Bergeron, DEMHS Attorney, in the review of FEMA's liability issues document. It is not anticipated the committee will complete their review prior to January 2013.

Train the Trainer

The last train the trainer course for 2012 is scheduled for October 6 and 20. Course information and registration details have been e-mailed.

2013 Statewide Citizen Corps Conference

Chairman Austin met with Commissioner Shay and talked at length about Citizen Corps the Chairman reminded the Council that fiscal year 2012 funding cannot be spent for a conference. Chairman Austin asked everyone to think about if they wanted to have a 2013 statewide conference as they have had in previous years and if the answer was yes, the Council would be responsible to raise the necessary funds. A committee would need to be established to look into fund raising and sponsorships and also to define what type of conference was wanted. Chairman Austin has a meeting with North East Utilities to talk about Citizen Corps.

CERT Team Funding And Funding Requests:

Category A:

Burlington approved for \$1,625 for a basic CERT training class of 25 people.

New Milford approved for \$408.00 for a basic CERT training class of 14 people.

University of New Haven approved for a basic CERT class of 32 people (no funds requested).

Southington approved for \$3,125 for a basic CERT class of 25 people (no backpacks requested).

Manchester approved for \$3,125 for a basic CERT class of 25 people (no backpacks requested).

Hamden approved for \$1,625 for a basic CERT class of 25 people.

A motion to approve these Category A requests was made by Joel Severance, seconded by Dagmar Noll. All in favor so voted.

Category B:

Somers approved for \$500 for CPR and AED.

A motion to approve this Category B request was made by Joel Severance, seconded by Norma Peterson. All in favor so voted

Category B Tabled Request:

The Council voted unanimously that East Hartford could not change their tabled category B advance training request to a request for CPR training; a new request should be made.

Category C:

WINCOG approved for \$4,000

A motion to approve this Category C request was made by Joel Severance, seconded by Kristin Thomas. All in favor so voted

Category D:

East Hampton approved for \$500 for team shirts.

A motion to approve this Category D request was made by Sue Prosi seconded by Dagmar Noll. All in favor so voted.

Special Grants:

Purchase CERT backpacks up to the amount of \$20,000.

A motion to approve this special grant request was made by Dagmar Noll seconded by Norma Peterson. All in favor so voted.

Equipment and printing support for the statewide disability team for \$2,000.

A motion to approve this special request was made by Dagmar Noll seconded by Norma Peterson. All in favor so voted.

Encumbrances

None

New Business

Regional CERT Cooperative Project

This item was tabled.

Regional Council Updates

- Dagmar Noll asked if the group knew anyone connected with Ham licensing to contact her.
- Greg Martin will represent CCRPA while Kristin Thomas is on maternity leave.

Next Meeting Date: 2:00 P.M. October 18, 2012 at West Hartford Town Hall, Council Chambers Room 314.

Future meeting dates for 2012: November 15, and December 20.