

CONNECTICUT DISASTER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM (CT-1 DMAT)

Meeting
20 June 2002
19:00 – 21:44

CT-1 DMAT meeting was held on 20 June 2002, at Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) in Wallingford, CT. Meeting was called to order and last month minutes were reviewed and approved.

Mark Libby reported that Commissioner Garcia signed the MOU. The Commissioner was pleased to submit their executed Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of the Connecticut Disaster Medical Assistance Team for consideration and approval.

Mark Libby reported that he contacted Gary Kleinman via telephone and followed up by letter. Discussions took place, which refer to Connecticut DMAT formation and information. Focus was described to be on the intend to maintain a large enough cadre of members so that there is a two or three fold redundancy for each required position. Team members will be required to receive permission from their employers for mobilization. A Duty-Officer system will ensure that a designated Executive Committee member will be immediately available to receive calls and mobilization requests for the team.

In summary Mark Libby reported that DPH is committed to protecting the health and well being of CT's citizens and supports the efforts of the NDMS to provide disaster medical services.

Mark reported that he met with members of the State Office of Rural Health who advised him that they have a \$5,000.00 dollar grant which they need to use up by the end of this fiscal year. Holdsworth, Pelton and Associate, Inc. have been contracted for this \$5,000.00 dollar grant to offer three (3) separate seminars to be focused on EMS Management. These courses will offer essential skills for Emergency Service Leaders to acquire better understanding for leadership, top secret teambuilding, Volunteers: Recruitment, retention and integrating paid personnel, and specific management skills.

A draft of the Standard Operating Guidelines for Disaster Medical Assistance Team Policy was reviewed and discussed.

Mark worked with Dr. Ford who was our guest speaker at our previous meeting. About sharing his presentation and mission in reference to CTRP (Center for Trauma Response/Recovery and Preparedness. The CTRP mission is to provide clinical educational, and scientific expertise to behavioral health providers (professionals, natural helpers, prevention specialists, agencies) and the general public in order to enhance the capacity of CT behavioral health system to promote the safety and recovery of people affected by current or future disasters and their continuing aftermath. Dr. Ford stated that the CTRP's educational and training resources can be accessed

via website (www.ctrp.org) or by contacting the offices of the CTRP Administrators, Kathryn Dean at Uconn (860) 679-7949 or Joanne Goldblum at Yale (203) 785-3318.

Joe Malinguaggio showed a mini tape of the MA2-DMAT Drill - Yankee Drill May 17, 18, and 19, 2002 in Westover, MA. . People who attended this drill shared their experience as well as recommendation of key points of what is needed for our team to get up and running. Members in attendance of this drill received Appreciation Certificates for attending and participating.

Gary Havican reported that the Texas Engineering extension Service (TEEX) will be giving the second BT&WMD course to be held at UCONN Health Center scheduled for July 25 – 26, 2002, from 08:00 – 17:00.

It was agreed by most members that committee groups will meet on their own and then each entity from various committees will report at our regular scheduled DMAT meetings.

Paul Brooks stated how we need to bench market the team and discussion took place in reference to deployable library to have readily available if and when we need to be deployed. Paul also recommended to sign up to www.medicom.org and Nadmat.org which are host sites and material within these sites can be helpful to the team.

A request was made to have a list of all the committees and the individuals within their specific committees to be distributed at forthcoming meetings.

Space availability was also discussed and in question to store our equipment and materials. Mark mentioned that he would look in pursuing the Newington site at the VA Hospital.

Other Committee Chairs present at the meeting quickly gave their committee report.

CT-1 DMAT meetings will be held every third Thursday of each month at CHA. The next Scheduled meeting will be held on **18 July 2002, at 7:00 p.m.** at CHA in Wallingford, CT.

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