



**Ottile W. Lundgren Mobile Field Hospital
Board of Directors Meeting
MS TEAMS
Friday, March 11, 2022
10:00 AM**

Minutes

Attendees: William Gerrish, Francesca Provenzano, Jose Arguelles, Elen Steelman, Jim Paturas, Joan Soulsby, Seth Mastrocola, Ralph Hedenberg, Ben Neumon, Roderick Winstead

Welcome – Introduction and Review of 09/11/2021 Minutes:

Bill Gerrish opened the meeting and began with introductions followed by a review of the minutes from the last Board of Directors meeting held on September 17, 2021. The minutes were unanimously approved. Bill reminded the board that DPH maintains a Mobile Field Hospital webpage where [meeting minutes and agendas](#) are posted.

2021 Deployments:

Durham Fair – September: Jose Arguelles and Maj. Mastrocola reported that the deployment and set up at the Durham Fair was successful. The deployment provided a great training opportunity for the CT Militia.

Requests for Deployments

There are no pending requests for the MFH.

Maintenance/Repairs:

Maj. Mastrocola reported that the Connecticut Militia identified several items needing repair/maintenance at the Semi-Annual MFH maintenance training held on November 14, 2021 at Camp Hartell. The total dollar amount in quotes for repairs is approximately \$42,775. Repairs/maintenance identified include three (3) MFH vehicles that need new brakes; one (1) prime mover that needs electrical work; a magnetic power unit on one of the trailers, and a generator start box and cables.

Surplus and consolidation of MFH Assets

Jose Arguelles reported on recent efforts to surplus certain equipment that make up the MFH. Durable equipment assigned to the MFH is over 15-years old and manufacturers of this equipment either no longer exist or they no longer have the parts to repair or maintain the items. Consequently, in the past several months, DPH surplused IV pumps, monitors, an X-Ray machine, oxygenators, latrine trailers, shower trailers, water buffalo trailers, stretchers and other equipment through the state surplus process.

At this time, DPH only maintains vehicles, trucks and trailers at Camp Hartell. The box trucks are parked outside of Building 41 and there is no longer equipment or supplies associated with the mobile field hospital inside. Trailers, and tent systems are stored in Building 45 in the right-hand bay. DPH is working to inventory and possibly surplus refrigerators and MCI equipment

stored in the left-hand bay. In addition to the refrigerators and MCI equipment, there are DRASH heaters on top of the shelving in Building 45 that require a final disposition.

MFH MOA

The MFH MOA is currently under review by the Military Department and will be sent back to DPH with suggested revisions if applicable.

Senate Bill 705 Appropriation

Bill Gerrish reported that the department has submitted a proposal for a \$300,000 appropriation tied to Senate Bill 705, some of which would involve supporting costs associated with the mobile field hospital. The proposal is under consideration and mentioned for the board's awareness.

Future Direction

Bill Gerrish initiated discussion about the future direction of the board and how best to address pending issues such as the stationing, operations, funding, and useful life. Brigadier General Hedenberg stated that it may be prudent to survey our local/regional ESF 8 groups in gathering feedback on the projected scope and practical application of the J-Shelter assets and their respective components from the community requestor standpoint. How the DPH adjudicates the deployment of this asset and to whom should be at the focus of this future conversation as there will always be competition for limited resources.

Jim Paturas discussed the potential value of creating a tiered rubric defining how MFH assets can be utilized, evaluating the current regulations governing the MFH, and establishing a workgroup to examine these issues further.

Open Discussion

No further discussion occurred.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 am

Next Meeting:

The next MFH Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2022