



Ottolie Lundgren Mobile Field Hospital
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, September 9, 2022
10:00 AM

Minutes

Attendees

Jose Arguelles, Genevieve Boas, Barbara Cass, William Gerrish, Gen. Ralph Hedenberg, Capt. Timothy Johnson, Maj. Seth Mastrocola, Maryanne Pappas, Dr. James Paturas, Francesca Provenzano, Owen Rood, Elen Steelman, Maria Tackett.

- The meeting opened with introductions and roll call.
- March 2022 minutes were accepted with a recheck of the deployment date, to be corrected if needed.
- Board membership was reviewed. It was noted that Mr. Foley, Mr. Winstead, and Ms. Solsby have left state service. Awaiting formal approval for Mr. Rood's designation. Follow up with DSS, Public Protection, and Emergency Services for membership will also take place.
- December 2019 meeting discussion included updating the bylaws. The only change noted was adjusting meeting times from quarterly to biannual. It was recommended by Mr. Paturas that the committee reviews the bylaws and vote via e-mail for approval or recommending changes. This was agreed upon and will be sent out to the membership.
- The Mobile Field Hospital (MFH) will be deployed on 20 September 2022 by the Connecticut State Militia at the Durham Fair to be used as a medical station and will be staffed by Middlesex Hospital. Demobilization will occur on 26 September 2022. Maj. Mastrocola will meet with Mr. Gerrish and Dr. Michael Zanker to finalize plans. Mr. Paturas recommended meeting with military partners and the Durham Fair to discuss potential areas for continuous improvement. A plan for Commissioner Juthani to tour the MFH at the Fair is being planned. Board members are also welcomed to tour the site.
- Maj. Mastrocola presented graphics of the MFH and its assets. Graphics of 25 bed (of 100) setup was included with explanation of end units, center units, J shelters, and power trailers for HVAC, lighting, medical equipment, etc. The footprint is 100 X 150 feet. The setup at the Durham Fair is to be determined based on available space.

- Vehicles were reviewed for being fully mission capable (FMC), partially mission capable (PMC) and non-mission capable (NMC). One vehicle is NMC due to a brake fluid leak, repairs to be made. Training events were reviewed.
- 54 militia members are fully trained for deployment of MFH. Repairs made by militia members were reviewed. MFH training took place to prepare for the Durham Fair. Included were general operations of the trailers, length of time trailers can operate continuously, difference between military and civilian power cables, delineation between militia and hospital roles and responsibilities.
- Uses for MFH were proposed in three areas: training (semi-annual, austere medicine, partnering with hospitals, fatality management, regional mutual aid), pre-planned events (Mission of Mercy, testing infrastructure), and no notice requests.
- Surplus and consolidation of MFH assets were discussed. Many pieces of equipment have already been surplus. A cache of portable Impact ventilators (~ 80) that had been part of the MFH assets had been deployed to various hospitals during the pandemic. Many have been deemed to be past their useful life, and utilization was low. These are being pulled back by the DPH and will be put on surplus.
- The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the DPH and military is being finalized.
- The future direction for the MFH was discussed. There has been an improved understanding of the costs associated with the MFH in the past two years. A proposal for a strategic plan considering best practices, state of the art equipment compared to current equipment, useful life, guidance from DPH nurse consultants, and recommendations to the Commissioner was discussed.
 - Ms. Tackett prepared a brief of issues to consider as action items. Included for future use were forward triage, emergency operations center, rally point for labor pool assembly, expanding collaborative training between military and civilian partners, the challenge of the useful lifespan and associated costs of the MFH were outlined. Guidance from other states with similar assets, developing a tiered rubric with how assets can be utilized, establish a workgroup to examine these and other issues were also included in the brief.
- Ms. Provenzano stated that the DPH relies on advisory board input for consensus driven decision-making regarding strategies for the future of the asset.

- A motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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