

York Township EMA MINUTES

August 20, 2009 7:00 PM York Township EOC

Type of Meeting: Regular Monthly

Meeting Called By: Kathleen Dellinger, Emergency Management Coordinator

Note Taker: Ray Shaffer

Attendees:

Kathleen Dellinger, EMC, Ray Shaffer Deputy EMC, Jack Dellinger, Races, Don Orwig, Transportation, and Austin Fuoco

Agenda topics

ITEM #1 Recording Secretary

Ray Shaffer volunteered to take the meeting's minutes.

ITEM #2 New Staff Member

Chase Barnhart is listed as a new member of the EMA, but has not been able to attend a meeting. Austin Fuoco was present at tonight's meeting but will leave for college before the next meeting.

ITEM #3 FIRE CHIEF'S MEETING

Jim Walsh, our representative to York Township Fire Chiefs Association, is at a Fireman's Convention in California.

ITEM #4 Budget

Kathleen reported that we have exhausted our available 2009 budget. Fred Krause, Finance Director for York Township, provided financial records that indicated the expenditures for the year to date plus the requirement that we maintain at least \$100 in the account. The township has taken nearly \$450 for overhead expenses and we expended the other monies for things such as computer training, office supplies, digital camera, vests, binoculars, CDC approved masks and other miscellaneous items. Kathleen asked those assembled to provide her with any thoughts regarding the building of the 2010 budget and items we may need in the coming year.

ITEM #5 H1N1

Kathleen and Jack reported on the webcast they viewed distributed by the federal government relative to H1N1. On the panel were the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Education and a representative of the CDC. They reported that a two-dose vaccine will be out October 15, 2009. The CDC is working internationally in getting the vaccine to market. The vaccine, when administered, requires three weeks between doses. It was reported that as of 8/04/2009, 1 million cases of H1N1 have been reported worldwide.

Generally, 40-50% of the population received the regular flu shots but this year it is anticipated that number will grow. The committee recommended the vaccination efforts on five key populations: pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months, health care and emergency services workers, persons between the ages of 6 months through 24 years of age, and people from ages 25 through 64 years who are high risk for novel H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems.

The groups listed above total approximately 159 million people in the United States.

If there is a shortage of the vaccine, the first two groups will receive the shots but group three will be restricted to health care and emergency workers with direct patient contact. Group four will be restricted to children 6 months through 4 years and group five will be children 5 through 18 years who have chronic medical problem. Seniors will not be getting the vaccine if there is a shortage.

Kathleen also reported that NIAID (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases) is beginning trials of candidate H1N1 vaccines on children. It is recommended that all seek immunization for the regular flu this season.

ITEM #6 VOAD

On August 7, 2009, the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) held a demonstration for county fire and EMA personnel at the Southern Baptist church in York Township. Participants were the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Southern Baptist Convention and York County Emergency Management among others. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize the attendees with the resources available in the event of the disaster. Although there was a limited response, it was a good time to become familiar with each of the groups represented. Kathleen discovered that the Southern Baptist Convention has both a canteen unit and "mud and flood" unit. The Mud and Flood unit is stationed in the township.

ITEM #7 SNS/POD/Dallastown Area School District

A follow-up meeting at the Dallastown High School was held on August 13, 2009 relative to establishing the site as a POD. Mike Fetrow, Deputy Director York County EMA, Brian Morrin, York County EMA PIO, and Ray Shaffer, Deputy EMC, met with John Sanford, Assistant Director of Buildings and Grounds to discuss the use of the school facilities for the POD and to look at potential sites for the distribution of vaccines, if necessary. After walking the property, it was agreed that both a drive-thru and an indoor facility were available that met the needs of the POD. It was again reiterated by John Sanford that the district is willing to provide the facility but expects the EMA to provide the management of the POD as well as all the volunteers required.

Kathleen reported that a letter she received from County OEM requesting the support of local EMA s for the SNS/POD program has been sent to all the township commissioners. The letter outlines the overall goals of the program and asks for local support. Kathleen anticipates that the next POD meeting will include the EMCs from Yoe, Loganville Boro/Springfield Twp., Jacobus Boro and Dallastown Boro. Following that it will be necessary to meet with York Regional Police, local fire police and EMS.

During the week of August 31st, Brian Morrin will host a meeting at county for coordinating the Public Information program that will be used with the H1N1.

In related news, Jack Dellinger reported on the August meeting of the York/Adams Metropolitan Medical Response System (YAMMRS). He said that local hospitals were working together to meet the needs of a major crisis including H1N1. The State will receive the serum for H1N1 and they will distribute to the counties. He noted that it must be held in cold storage so businesses that utilize cold storage are being contacted to see if they would participate. In looking at the groups scheduled for inoculation, the pregnant women category in the York/Adams area numbers 4500. With two inoculation that will require 9000 doses.

After satisfying the first group, immunizations will continue group by group until the serum is depleted. Hospital staff will take care of their respective staffs and doctors will work on the balance

YAMMRS will be the coordinating group for the distribution of the H1N1 immunizations as well as provide the public with information. They will be looking to YCOEM to set up an ICS command while YAMMRS will administer the drugs. Serum is expected in mid-October.

ITEM #8 ECRIN UPDATE

Anne Zarlenga submitted all ECRIN documentation to the county. All records are up to date. York Township has 20 residents recorded to date.

ITEM #9 UPCOMING TRAINING

National Flood Insurance Program – Tuesday, August 25, 2009 York Township Meeting Room (Ray will attend)
911 Open House – Saturday, October 3, 2009 1200-1800 hours, 120 Davies Drive
Pandemic Summit will be held on October 22, 2009 (Ray to attend)

ITEM #10 Donation to YTEMA

Jack reported that we received a laptop computer as a donation and it has been put to use in the radio room. It will be used in digital communication/text via RF.

ITEM #11 NEXT MEETING

September 17, 2009 7:00 PM

ITEM #12 OTHER BUSINESS

None

Meeting Adjourned 8:04 PM