

NJ GAINED

Minutes

Monday July 25, 2016

10:00 a.m. at Project Freedom-Lawrence

Attendance: Joseph Amoroso-DDS, Dennis Dura-DCF, Rachel Trautman-DCF, Kelly Boyd-NJOEM, Lynn Scott-Red Cross, Wendy Chin-NJBMHAS DTB, Yessi Cubillo-QIRN3, Carina Marzec-DDS, John Ferguson-Middlesex County OEM, Mary Lamielle-NCEHS, Ina White-Boggs Center, Megan Sullivan-NJDMHAS DTB, Jonathan Sabin-DDD

Call to Order and Introductions

Joseph Amoroso

Review of Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

May 2016-Motion to approve-Dennis Dura; Seconded by Rachel Trautman; motion carried unanimously.

June 2016-Motion to approve-Lyn Scott; Seconded by Dennis Dura. Ina White abstained (not present at meeting); Motion carried.

NJ GAINED Updates

1. Follow up on Core Advisory Groups (CAGS) Kelly Boyd is in contact with Carole Tonks regarding CAGS. Joe Amoroso indicated transportation is problematic for interested individuals, and while CAGS should be through CILS, limiting the site to the CIL is problematic due to bus routes. Carina Marzec inquired about county libraries as an option. Joe Amoroso suggested community colleges as they must be on a bus route, and discussed a facilitator, and MSAA. Kelly Boyd asked if PFI may be a potential location. Ina White asked for an update regarding CAG for Union County, Joe Amoroso informed Alliance Center for Independence is working on it.

Dennis Dura asked if part of the problem is awareness about the existence of CAGS. Joe Amoroso informed the group that at this time no overall no marketing is involved and suggested going through Monday Morning, and asking each group to dedicate one meeting to CAG; Kelly Boyd agreed. Joe Amoroso asked if some of the NY CAGS have come up with a charge document/charter. A new Atlantic County CIL will be forming with the Mental Health Association, and Joe Amoroso wants to reach out regarding forming a CAG for Atlantic County.

Joe Amoroso asked for additional recommendations to help in developing CAGS. Dennis Dura asked if participants know their role. John Ferguson informed the Group that Middlesex County is trying to make sure disability partners are involved, and are having a hard time reaching people who are Hard of Hearing and visually impaired; need buy-in to be able to get sign language interpreters. Joe Amoroso discussed reaching out to nonprofits for individuals who are Hard of Hearing or visually impaired.

John Ferguson indicated JCPL sent a rep to meeting to talk about power outages.

Ina White said Springfield OEM followed up on eligibility for electric dependence. John Ferguson gets an updated list of electrically dependent in the county, and tells the town coordinators and power companies in EOC's and work to get generators to people who are electric dependent or get them to safe places.

Joe Amoroso will look into obtaining CAG packet from FEMA for next meeting.

2. Sheltering Task Force (Kelly Boyd): Update tabled till next meeting

NJ GAINED Member Updates

1. Kelly Boyd-AFN Coordination and Training
 - a. Date Pending, possibly September 19th in Morris.
 - b. Discussion on Service dogs in disaster: There will be another meeting regarding service dogs to address the in-hospital aspect first. The objective is to work on it in manageable steps; it was discussed as ESF6. Dennis Dura suggested contact with NJ Hospital Association. Discussed Pet Pals and program through girl scouts which would need a support system. Julie Petix asked about faith based organizations assisting the effort.
2. Megan Sullivan-Updated regarding regional meeting about opioid replacement therapies in disasters, 17 counties have facilities, 4 do not. The mobile units are not a first line plan. Joe Amoroso would like to discuss further, there was also an effort to do mobile wheelchair repairs during disaster.
3. Wendy Chin-Training August 15-Burlington County-this training open to the general public-register on the NJDRCC website; program is on meeting the needs of people with access and functional needs in disaster.
4. Mary Lamielle-How can people identify who the AFN coordinator is for their area? Kelly Boyd referred to OEM website where AFN coordinators are listed; Joe Amoroso informed they are designated by government.
5. Julie Petix-Thank you to Joe Amoroso and Kelly Boyd for participating in the steering committee. The EMS conference is November 16; there will be one day for Medical reserve corps, with a focus on radiation safety, mental health substance abuse,

disability, and AFN. The MRC day is free to attend. The MRCS are assembling Zika prevention kits. The online training for first responders on developmental disabilities has been update. Vineland area has a concern with anhydrous ammonia near a veteran's facility.

6. Lyn Scot-The Home Fire Campaign has been pushed out to a lot of individuals. Alarms for individuals who are Hard of Hearing should be available in 1-2 months.
7. Joe Amoroso-The grant for "Go Bags" was approved. DDS will be working on mass distribution in summer and early fall (grant is approximately \$80,000.00, and kit contents were approximately \$1.50 each). Looking for assistance storing kits; Julie Petix will check if they can assist. It is a 35 piece kit, and there will be two presentations involved: A "Train the Trainer" program, and individual presentations on the go bags. Carina Marzec asked about collaborating with respiratory home care representatives/having respiratory therapists deliver to ventilator dependent individuals at their mandatory monthly home visit. Joe Amoroso discussed online training and collaboration with Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ. Kelly Boyd and Lyn Scott discussed partnering with Meals on Wheels. Yessi Cubillo can distribute information to dialysis facilities. Lyn Scott suggested the "Mr. Fix it" programs or CERT as a means to help with distribution.
8. Ina White-Discussion on training for apartment complexes/developers regarding generators for persons who are electric dependent.
9. Joe Amoroso-2-1-1 website has updated cooling sites. Contact Joe Amoroso regarding consumers who need air conditioners (window units) in Salem and Burlington County.

Additional Discussion

Motion to adjourn by Lyn Scott, Seconded by Ina White, motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming NJ GAINED 2016 Meetings:

Next Meeting: *Monday, August 22, 2016 at Project Freedom Lawrence*

Monday, September 26, 2016 at Project Freedom Lawrence

Monday, October, 2016 Location TBD

Monday, November 28, 2016 Location TBD

Monday, December 19, 2016 Location TBD