

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE CENTRAL VIRGINIA

## Mass Care and Human Services Committee

Thursday, September 5, 2019 1:30pm

Plan RVA | 9211 Forest Hill Ave Suite 200 RVA 23235



### Minutes

In attendance:

Emily Ashley, Henrico (Vice Chair)

Katie Moody, Plan RVA

Paul Hundley, Richmond (Chair)

Melissa Ackley, Chesterfield Mental Health

Dave Martin, Piedmont HD

David Caulkins, Henrico HD

Mike Magner, VDH

Yannette Nicholas, Dinwiddie DSS

John Richardson-Lauve, Childsavers

Ginny Ferguson, Hanover DSS

Sherri Laffoon, Chesterfield

Anne Melle, Louisa CART

Jess Robison, Chesterfield

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm and welcomed all. Everyone introduced themselves.
- 2. Special Presentation** – Melissa Ackley, Chesterfield Mental Health Services, gave a presentation on Family Assistance Center Disaster Behavioral Health Response in Virginia Beach on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
  - Family Assistance Center was already set up for five days prior to Chesterfield Mental Health Services arriving.
  - Most citizens who arrived to the FAC were usually looking for their cell phone, and the need for counseling emerged after talking with citizens.
- 3. Old Business**
  - FY18 SHSP Grant Award
    - **FY18 MCHS Training Grant - \$42,000**
      - We have grant funds remaining in the Mass Care Training Grant. The Chair suggested that we could hold some classes or “Train-the-Trainers” for various types of psychological first aid/mental first aid, EMDR, or Trauma Informed Care. Some of the DSS representatives present noted that they could find out what types of mental health trainings are needed. The group discussed doing some kind of seminar or symposium in the spring related to FAC or mental health in mass care.
      - This year’s VEMA conference is in Roanoke. The Chair noted that he would like to provide from opportunities (or “scholarships”) up to a certain dollar amount for folks who would like to attend the conference who would not normally be

able to. We would need to check with VDEM Grants Office to see if we could cover hotel costs.

- Beverley Brandt from Colonial Heights has requested funds from the grant for 24 Shelter Management Classes/exercises. The cost is estimated to be \$6,000. There is no fee for the instruction. The funds would basically just cover lunch. The Red Cross would be teaching the classes. The Committee approved the training.
  - Jess Robison reported that she heard from Donnie Embrey regarding the Pet Sheltering Course. The cost is \$2500. The host location will also have to provide hotel accommodations for two instructors for Friday/Saturday night. The class is 16 hours long. The host location will also have to provide lunch for the class. The class includes a four- hour meeting prior to the class with the locality's key players in pet sheltering.
- **FY18 Shelter Equipment Grant - \$61,488**
    - Katie Moody reported that she has been waiting to finalize the requisition for the Stop the Bleed kits and the bleeding control training limbs. She was waiting to finalize some other purchases with other grants prior to doing so. The kits would take up most of the grant purchase, leaving about \$10,000 remaining. David Caulkins asked if the training kits would be available as a regionally shared commodity. Katie reported that they would be. We are not currently planning to buy tourniquets, but Jess reported that she has 25 trainer tourniquets available for regional training use.
    - Mike Magner asked if we have a regional commodities/inventory list. Katie reported that this is something that we have looked in to in the Planning Committee. Working with Curt, she has applied for a Planning Grant for FY19 to hire a contractor to do mass care inventory.

#### 4. Open discussion, comments, announcements

*Katie Moody (RRPDC)*– We are preparing for the Disaster Preparedness Workshop this weekend.

*Sherri Laffoon (Chesterfield)* – Last day with Chesterfield. She will be moving to VDEM as the Regional Exercise Coordinator.

*Emily Ashley (Henrico)* – Internally at the county, we are relooking at our Family Assistance Center Plan – especially with the Virginia Beach shooting.

*John Richardson-Lauve (Childsavers)* – We would like to be a resource for the Trauma Informed Care training opportunity.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Next meeting: **October 3rd, 2019** at 1:30 pm – PlanRVA.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Moody