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Medical Reserve Corps Meeting

Jo Daviess County Health Department Conference Room

May 21, 2015 at 4:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present:

MRC Volunteers: Bernece Hill, Nikki Chamberlain Pham, Duc Pham, Ralph Hartlep, Peggy Murphy, Pastor Brent Riemer, Mike Koeller, Paul McMEnamin, Nancy McMEnamin, Carmen Calalang

Staff: Collette Hoagland and Susan Schultz

Others: Leslie Mastroianni from the Red Cross

Minutes from February 19, 2015 meeting were reviewed by the members. Paul McMEnamin made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Nancy McMEnamin. All in favor, motion passed.

Hazardous Waste Pick Up – We discussed the possibility of participating in the next scheduled event if enough volunteers will be available.

Introduction of New Members – New members Brent Riemer and Carmen Calalang were introduced to the group and all members shared how they first began to be involved with the MRC

Discussion concerning the Train Derailment near Galena and recent tornadoes near Jo Daviess County –

Paul & Nancy McMEnamin spoke about their duties helping out through the Red Cross. Paul & Nancy helped with feeding the volunteers & workers at the train derailment. Five homes were evacuated.

Brent Riemer commented on the psychological effects of disasters and how this can affect the volunteers. We will have a training later this year on this topic.

The group discussed the use of ICS in dealing with the derailment and how helpful it

proved to be during the coordination of several agencies.

Leslie Mastroianni (Red Cross disaster representative) mentioned that the Red Cross has trainings that the MRC might be able to attend, and we discussed doing some joint trainings and exercises in the future.

Collette handed out MRC window clings to the Volunteers as a recognition gift and to help identify volunteers' vehicles.

Training/Exercise – Ebola and Contact Tracing Tabletop Exercise –

Collette facilitated the Ebola/Contact Tracing Tabletop Exercise and all MRC members who were present participated in the exercise. Members completed a contact tracing form together as a group and discussed the different sections of the form. After the tabletop was completed, a Hot Wash session was held in which all members participated. Several suggestions were given by the participants which will enable the Contact Tracing Form and client interviews to be completed more smoothly. The MRC members who participated commented that they enjoyed the exercise and would like to have more trainings in the future.

There were no additional member concerns or citizen comments.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul McMenamin and seconded by Nancy McMenamin. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.