

HOLLISTON EMERGENCY RESPONSE CORPS-A MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1906. Members present included Susan Haley, Tim Brainerd, Jim Connolly, Bill Tobin, Pat Duffey, Michele Goldberg and Kathy Shore. Also present included Health Agent Ann McCobb, Region 4-A Director Liisa Jackson and BOH members Rick and Ken.

Opening remarks from chair person Susan Haley welcomed our guests and moved discussion toward the Executive committee's role for the upcoming year. We discussed the roles and expectations between the BOH and HERC especially regarding flu clinics. It was concluded that we need a clear process of communication between each group. Several suggestions included having a specific, neutral liaison from the BOH assigned to HERC; having the HERC chair person attend a BOH meeting each month to update the committee on HERC's progress, plans, goals and training; and/or inviting the BOH to our meetings. The BOH members verbalized positive feedback to the HERC committee regarding the work that this committee has accomplished over the past 2 years. They further stated that the BOH would discuss and attempt to create a policy insuring proper and respectful communication between both boards. It was concluded that Susan would try to attend the 2nd BOH meeting of the month with a HERC report on the agenda thus allowing better communication between the committees.

Future of HERC- Liisa Jackson. Liisa reported that we are making great strides and are experiencing the same growing and discovery pains that other local MRC's are. She reported that all MRC's have been severely stressed with the abundance of flu clinics, taping the resources of all towns. She commended us on our progress and encouraged us to stay positive; flu season is surely going to end soon! We discussed with her our problems of getting our "regular" volunteers to get completely "badged" so with her encouragement we re-visited the HERC requirements for badging. After much discussion a motion was put to the floor by Pat, "volunteers who have attended and/or participated in 2 HERC events or classes in a 12 month period, or at the review of the executive committee and have completed an application with a successful CORI may become badged members of HERC." This motion was seconded by Jim and voted 7-0-0. The committee went on to say that it would continue to encourage all HERC badged members to complete MCR 101 and ICS 100.

Plan Annual Membership meeting: Our goal of this year's membership meeting is to increase our membership by encouraging all of our "regular" volunteers to come to the membership meeting and get badged. We decided to that we needed to recognize our loyal flu clinic volunteers at this meeting. Liisa said that she would teach a PFA (psychological first aid) class as our speaker for the night. The date set was for March 10, 7-9 pm, depending on Liisa's availability. Applications and invitations will be sent out to all of our past volunteers with the goal for many to be badged at the meeting.

Future flu clinics: It was mentioned by Pat that the BOH may be doing a H1N1 flu clinic (hopefully the last one of the season) on Feb. 6, dependent on volunteer availability, details to follow.

The meeting adjourned at 2109.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Shore

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