

Center for Disaster Mental Health



- **Mission:** The Center for Disaster Mental Health will develop, promote and apply mental health instruction, training and services in disasters.
- Minutes, 11 March, 2015
- **Attendees** – M Hubner, F Maher, J Good, P Bernitt, T Correll, S Wetterhan, M Curtis
- **Welcome – Introductions**
- **Standing Business**
Symposium Planning:
- **Date:** Tentative date – 30 October, 2015
- **Location:** A discussion on potential alternate sites was discussed. Hope Hotel, WPAFB Fairborn Ohio has served CDMH well for the past 2 years. We are looking into obtaining the Magnolia Conference Center at Miami Valley Hospital for the 2015 conference. They can seat approximately 200 and cater. There is a possibility that they will supply the room free of charge. We will keep the Hope Hotel as backup as they have required a \$500.00 deposit in the past.
- **Focus of Symposium:**
- **Title:** Tentative – a) *Best Practice in Disaster Mental Health*
b) *Disaster Preparedness – Special Populations*
- **Format:** a) Morning Keynote
b) General Topics for all attendees
c) Breakout Sessions
- **Audience:** Professionals, non professionals (Training the lay public on basic mental health first aid was discussed. In the event of a truly large mass casualty disaster, these trained individuals could be a great asset to the professionals who would likely already be overwhelmed).
- **Speakers:** a) Will be vetted by CDMH committee.
b) Will be provided guidelines and expectations.
c) Will maintain continuity with general symposium content.
- **Additional needs:** a) Catering options and cost at Magnolia – Pat Bernitt
b) Continuing Education – ASAP after speakers are identified.
 - 1) Physicians/Nurses
 - 2) Psychologists
 - 3) Social Workers
 - 4) Counselors
 - 5) Nursing Home/Hospital Administrators
 - 6) Pastoral Council

- **Get connected table:** A suggestion was entertained that we have a table where individuals who are interested in joining the CDMH or connecting with others have a way to sign up for follow up.

- **Check symposium date for professional conflict of interest:**

- a) WSU School of Medicine – Terry Correll
- b) WPAFB- Mark Hubner
- c) Psychology – Frank Maher
- d) Nursing – Mark Curtis

- **New Business:**

- Moving beyond the symposium:**

- 1) Col Hubner: Power Point presentation – Developing a 3 pronged approach to meet community and professional needs through collaboration, support and education.
(See attached power point).

- 2) Update on Functional Needs Assessment, education and training for professionals.
How can CDMH be a resource to the group Jewel Good is facilitating.

- 3) What training currently exists for lay public interested in disaster mental health?

- 4) Need Web Page Development for credibility and contact.

- 5) A suggestion to consider the benefits of 2 levels of participation.

- a) Those able and willing to attend the monthly CDMH meetings.

- b) Those that want to maintain a role with CDMH but may not be able to attend meetings.

- **Next meeting:** Wednesday, 8 April, 2015