

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE**  
**Mount Ascutney Regional Emergency Management Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday March 19th from 12:00-1:30pm**

**Teams meeting**

**MINUTES**

1. Introductions

- a. In attendance: Paul Stagner - Springfield, Kevin McCallister - Windsor, Bay Wheeler and Dave Sigal - Baltimore, Allison Hopkins - MARC, Penny Wu - Ludlow, Charles Hall – American Red Cross, Taiga Christie – Vermont Emergency Management.

2. EMPG Updates

- a. Due to holdups in federal funding, the EMPG grant that provides the subgrant VEM uses to fund the work of the RPCs such as MARC, has expired and has not yet been renewed. Taiga and the other regional coordinators will be covering some of the RPC duties in this hopefully interim/temporary time while we wait for EMPG funding to come through, in close collaboration and conversation with Allison Hopkins. Continue to reach out to either of us with emergency management needs.

3. Action: Vote to Accept Last Meeting Minutes – skipped due to lack of quorum

4. Local Emergency Management Plan Workshop

- a. Build out your plan with annexes and templates from the VEM LEMP resources website: <https://vem.vermont.gov/plans/lemp/localresources>
- b. Access the Red Cross 24-HR Language Line and Interpreter Services line information shared by Charles:
  - i. Language Line provides 24/7 remote interpreting services.
  - ii. Phone Interpreting: 1-866-874-3972

- iii. On-demand phone interpreting is available in over 240 languages and video remote interpreting (VRI) for American Sign Language.
    - iv. Call 24/7 Customer Support at: 1-800-752-6096, for more information.
  - c. Discussion of a regional shelter workshop for towns interested in regionalizing shelter resources.
- 5. Demonstration of using the Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool – use the tool at <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/resilience-analysis-and-planning-tool>
- 6. VEM Updates
  - a. Sign up for the training email list at <https://vem.vermont.gov/email-lists> for updates on trainings.
  - b. We will update you on any updates on our EMPG subgrant status between VEM and MARC. Until then, keep sending your questions to Allison Hopkins or me, and we'll get them answered.
- 7. Planning for next presentations/discussions – Taiga to reach out to VDART to request a presentation about animal sheltering. Considering a mini EOC workshop for a future REMC meeting or for individual towns interested.
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