



Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee

Call Report issued by Debbie Groat

3/25/20	Debbie Groat
	County/City COVID19 Workgroup
	Lisa McDonald, Rick Konrad, Chris Pipinou, Karen Myers, Stephanie Whalen, Kelly D'Anna, Steve Cohoon, Paul Kurst, Stacey Rappold, Mike Myers, Andrew Hime, Jennifer Miller, Brian Snyder, Calvin Gladden,
	Lindsay Smith, Blake Fisher, & Christine Carpenter

DISCUSSION

Main point of discussion was to share information on COVID19 operations, disruptions and supply chain demands:

- a. Blake Fisher (BMC) was asked to share what they are doing regarding food distribution in the region. They provide planning resources for food distribution under FEMA grant/guidelines. They follow farmers and supplies and see that this information is shared for local benefit.
- b. Calvin Gladden (State of MD0 shared that the State is working closely with MEMA to order safety supplies. State is interested in centralized ordering and recommends strongly that orders are placed with MEMA who will plan distribution based on known needs. Healthcare system will be supplied first. (Note: UA donated a warehouse for MEMA order distribution purposes. He is involved with MEMA and presently working to outfit temporary hospital locations....beds, linens, ventilators, etc.... This effort does not include food requirements. MEMA is using the \$50M provided to DHMH for PPE supplies. Approximately, \$10M will be used for temporary hospital requirements such as tents. He also offered that "salt companies" have been PPE sources.
- c. Brian Snyder (City of Annapolis) indicated they are having problems obtaining PPE Supplies due to their smaller order size. They are looking for smaller order vendors. Calvin recommended placing orders with MEMA.
- d. Lisa McDonald (State of MD) recommended taking another look at the State of MD contracts in place for these supplies. She also offered to help source, hard to find products, for anyone needing some extra help.
- e. Karen Myers (Harford County) stated that they are working with Hilton to allow 1st Responders a place to stay if they have tested positive for COVID19 and need a place to stay outside of their own home so family members are not infected. They are looking to supplement their ambulatory services. Questioned if anyone was giving out lettes to suppliers that they were considered "essential" by the county so they could be on the road without fear of a fine. Andrew Hime responded that their law offices said No to issuing such a letter and only to do so if a complaint was filed.
- f. Mike Myers (Carroll County) stated they are in good shape.
- g. Jennifer Miller (City of Salisbury) said they were OK. Some delivery leads are troublesome. They have been able to get all departments to work together with

ordering so they are not competing against each other and the order size is larger. Face shields are needed and disposable gowns.

- h. Andrew Hime (Anne Arundel County) stated they are in good shape. Getting shipments in but still need N95 masked with a preference for domestic manufacturing. Noted that Honeywell may be a source.
- i. Steve Cohoon (Queen Anne's County) shared that their Emergency Services personnel are handing their requirements but there was a need to vet companies, esp. those they are unfamiliar with. Calvin recommended the list being issued by the Department of Commerce where firms are being vetted. He will share that list. They are in need of hand sanitizer. Andrew shared that DuClaws Brewing/C-Care had product to ship and will share the contact information. Otherwise, good as long as shipments are received as expected.

Action Items:

- 1. Calvin Gladden will share Dept. of Commerce information regarding vetted PPE suppliers.
- 2. Andrew Hime will share contact information for C-Care for hand sanitizer ordering.