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Regrets: Terry (New Brunswick), Jackie Kloosterboer (Vancouver), Jo-Anne Stead (PHAC), Louise Geoffrion (Cdn Red Cross), Cathy Bulych (Saskatchewan), Elaine Smyer (Toronto), Steve LaRochelle (Kitchener-Waterloo), **Wendy Hayko (York), Ron Fortier (Manitoba), Sheila Brantnall (Calgary)**

On Call: **Janine Aussem (ESSA), Kerry Evans (ESSA), John Webb (Nova Scotia), Linda Bouchard (PHAC), Grace Coron (Peel), Pauline Hopley (Durham), Tracy Newton (Kingston)**

Agenda:

- Review January meeting minutes
- John Webb – Mass casualties discussion
- Business Arising from previous minutes
- Roundtable
- Other Business

Review of January Minutes

- Change Kelly (Toronto) to Elaine in roundtable discussion

Mass Casualties discussion – John Webb

- Mass casualties planning is a priority of ESS, specifically mass causality planning for family support centres. There is a low risk that it will happen in every province in the next couple of years but places like BC are on fault lines. With major disasters occurring around the world, it has become essential to start planning for this.
- At this time it is important to identify gaps in services. Should we be holding exercises? What are new ways to communicate for casualty management? What about media control issues?
- Who and how can we collaborate? Health colleagues, provincial and territorial. And our EMOs. What should we do and how should we do it? Training? Exercising? And who then will be involved?
- There is a mass casualty document out there. John will forward to Janine for distribution.
- Next steps? Open for discussion...Linda Bouchard...continue to put forward information for the joint conference, does support the planning of mass casualties. Janine...is a topic that should be of interest to all stakeholders.

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- Can access the www.nmessn.ca without having to use the essa website.
- There is an online forum, please sign up as a national volunteer and register.
- The terms of reference are available on the website.
- Purpose of NMESSN is to share internally but also upward to other groups, for example CESSD. Our information and resources (for examples, best practices or recommendations) would be passed on to CESSD for support and if supported CESSD will work on behalf of the group.



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Business Arising from January minutes

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Roundtable

- **Pauline (Durham):** There is no snow so they have been fortunate. Fairly uneventful winter. Large nuclear exercise in the fall, planning committee striking after March break. Status quo right now.
- **Grace (PEEL):** G20 planning. Working last few weeks on potential of travelers from Haiti. Protocols being put in place in the event of a large plane full arriving and how they would stage this. Water main breaks, small community emergencies.
- **Tracy (Kingston):** Lodging planning to move beyond a reception centre. Large and small scales, plus seasonal logistics. Outreach with churches and priority to utilize existing support instead of recreating the wheel. Looks forward to any suggestions on this.
- **John (Nova Scotia) :** Some apartment fires. Clean up from H1N1. Getting back into planning and training mode.
- **Janine (ESSA):** Currently working on invoicing for membership, hopeful that the next conference call more people will be available.

Other Business

- National ESS Conference: A letter has been created and passed on to the chair of CESSD and Janine will follow up if they have a response. It sounds like it could be a possibility to plan it alongside the National Forum to be held this fall.
- Next newsletter: Pauline will provide an article with photos from exercise; discuss membership, and the new website. Also feature the executives, part of that will be looking at changing up of the roles. Also a feature on training (ESSA conference, emergency prep conference, disaster conference TO). Also maybe a partner organization...maybe Red Cross or Salvation Army? Voluntary sector group would be a great one to feature.

Next Conference Call: Tuesday, March 2, 2010

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