



Call Report issued by Debbie Groat

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| 3/25/20 | Debbie Groat |
| | County/City COVID19 Workgroup |
| | Lisa McDonald, Rick Konrad, Chris Pipinou, Karen Myers, Stephanie Whalen, Kelly D'Anna, Rose Butler, Steve Cohoon, Paul Kurst, Stacey Rappold, Mike Myers, Andrew Hime and Tony Reed |

DISCUSSION

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

- a. Debbie asked if anyone was reaching out to firms such as Fisher Scientific that normally supply K12 science classes. Shared that I polled the K12 group yesterday and they have not inventoried the hand sanitizer that is in the classrooms because of the beginning of year supply drives that parents must provide. May be a hidden source to tap if needed.
- b. Baltimore County has reached out to FisherScientific. They are starting to see shipments for hand sanitizer from regular suppliers and distilleries but are still looking for disposable thermometers, masks, gowns, testing supplies, etc...
- c. Harford is looking into an opportunity to purchase some masks from a source in China, and is working with hotels to stay open for 1st Responders that may be quarantined. Hotels are not taking any responsibility for cleaning the rooms but may dedicate a single floor to the cause. Tony Reed mentioned that the ventilation systems in hotels usually transfer air between floors and rooms and that motels may be a better option.
- d. Queen Anne's expressed their need for hand sanitizer. They have been unable to get support from local distillers. Andrew Hime will share a source.
- e. Carroll found an unlikely source in their promotional supply company that had masks, gowns and such and other similar firms might also have stock. They are using Patapsco Distillery for their hand sanitizer. They are otherwise, OK right now. Shared information on ProForma for protective medical equipment.
- f. Anne Arundel is also doing well right now. They are replenishing stock but also need disposable thermometers. Trying to stay ahead of the curve. Working with a local textile company for needed products that can be shared with local hospitals and to give to sick citizens. Emailed C-Cares need for alcohol to produce hand sanitizer.
- g. City of Baltimore is using motels to triage quarantined citizens. They are opening a central warehouse to coordinate supply orders so they are not all competing for the same supplies. They are offering online mental health training and encouraging staff to take advantage of online courses to further their education/credentials. He cautioned that taking the responsibility to properly clean hotel rooms could be very expensive. They are also working with public transportation channels to stay open for essential staff. Staff are provided a letter that they are essential so they are not turned away.
- h. State of MD offered Blind Industries and Services of MD as a supply option. Expressed some concern with firms that are not considering us a priority ship when we have a

contract with them. She is working on site and said to reach out to her with any needs and she will support wherever she can. Shared by email information on the firm, Source Direct Marketing, that is supplying N95 masks.

- i. MWCOG shared that they have weekly meetings on Friday, SharePoint is available for all MAPT members and that they are also working with the local distillers for hand sanitizer. They also shared by email their e-bid box that can be used by MAPT members. All are welcome to their Friday meetings.
- j. Open discussion about budgeting. MEMA/FEMA has not issued a directive about when the emergency situation “ends” for competitive bidding purposes. COVID19 should be tracked by project number or segregating positions, etc....
- k. Open discussion about handling of regular work. Many are trying to maintain “business as usual” but many are also delaying bids in favor of extensions while keeping essential bidding moving along. Some have special assignments just to track supplier inventories and other logistical matters.

Action Items:

1. Make this a recurring meeting until COVID19 is normalized.
2. Lisa McDonald suggested post call that counties and cities make their supply needs known to MEMA who wants to help if they can.