

NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING EXERCISE & TRAINING MEETING

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Region 26 EOC Meeting Room – Taylor, NE

Present:

*Alma Beland-Region 26 Emergency Management
*Douglas Fox-Region 24 Emergency Management
*Linda Lewis-Region 26 Emergency Management
*Mark Rempe-Custer County Emergency Management
*Elizabeth Sillasen-Keith & Grant Counties Emergency Management
Corey Clay-Custer County Emergency Management
Douglas Evarets-American Red Cross
Heidi Hostert-North Central District Health District
Catie Larsen-Loup Basin Public Health District
Brian Stephens-American Red Cross

*Depicts Voting Members

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Douglas Fox at 10:14am. The “Open Meetings Act” was brought to everyone’s attention.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Alma Beland moved, seconded by Mark Rempe to approve the October 19, 2018 meeting minutes. Voted, all Ayes.

3. Reports

- a. American Red Cross – Brian Stephens handed out business cards with the 24-hour number to be called when assistance is needed. He explained the assistance program and that there are different levels of assistance according to the damage. In the past they have set up hotel rooms but that has caused problems so now they give out a card similar to a debit card. The victim then can purchase things that are most needed to get them through their tragedy. Brian also pointed out that if there is a fatality involved whether it is a single or multiple occupancy, there is still assistance to the next of kin for funeral expenses or other expenses.

Brian also reported on the Smoke Alarm program. If there is a Boy Scouts Troop, Fire Department or other volunteers that would like to do this project contact Brian. When the alarms are dispersed it is required that they have an installer that will go over the instructions.

Brian encouraged each of us in our areas to find volunteers or small groups of people that can open shelters when needed.

Doug Evarets shared with us his progress in getting agreements for shelters in each county across Nebraska and making sure these sites meet the standards. Doug is also working on building a partnership list. Partnership is where the facility takes care of the expenses including staff training. These lists of shelters will be on the NSS which is available to the American Red Cross; however, if you go through the correct measures there is a Read Only version that is available. If you need to see the actual agreement one would need to contact Brian. In order to be listed as a Red Cross Shelter in the LEOP it has to have a usage agreement date. The shelter list is set up according to zip codes and not the City. The goal is to have two shelters for each zip code. It was encouraged to do pre-planning because there is a three to four-day process to open an American Red Cross Shelter.

- b. Public Health – Catie reported on cases in her area for food born illnesses, rabies, whooping cough and update on the flu season and that shots were still available.

Heidi also reported that there has been one death related to the flu. Before Christmas there was an Acute Flaccid Myelitis case which mimics polio, droopy eyes, slurred speech and muscle weakness, there are (3) three cases in Nebraska and 165 cases across the United States.

Heidi also mentioned the DHHS has a contract starting in January going through March for a drug overdose program and will be reaching out to emergency managers. This is not the same as the NARCAN program. DHHS also has a program for funding toxicology reports for drug cases.

The Health Coalition is having a HSEEP training March 20-21, 2019.

- c. NEMA – No one present
- d. Public Policy Center – No one present
- e. NPSCC – No meeting to report on
- f. NRIN – Alma handed out a copy of the NRIN Financial Report as of December 14, 2018 as requested and explained some of the line items that were questioned. At the last meeting it was agreed that we will MOU funds from the 2016 Grant to NRIN but will not be able to since the grant funds were not awarded to NRIN in 2016. These are funds that can be used to pay for maintenance and pay some of our own bills. It was also discussed that equipment will be purchased to have on hand for the future when something goes down. Alma is on the Finance Committee and reported that the legal fiscal agent will be NACO. NRIN board would also like a representative from the NPPD to be on the board since they are a vital part to this project. In order to get NRIN up and going in our area we need another tower and to remediate the MJ Leasing Tower. Doug talked about location in Rock County for a new tower. More research and talking to landowners need to take place.

4. Old Business

- a. Grant Status Review
 - i. 2016 Grant - \$43,705.13 for monitoring and maintenance. This grant ends August 2019 so those doing CERT will need to have training and equipment purchased by then. The money for the MJ Leasing tower will not be used for a generator but possibly a generator at the Sargent Tower.

Ag training – Mark is working on getting a training through the Extension Office which they already have the training in place but we want to make sure that it is geared to central and western Nebraska where the attendees will have a lot of knowledge about cattle. Mark is going to contact Ashley Mueller who is the liaison for the Department of Ag Nebraska Extension and will get back to us.

Alma will use \$2,000 from this grant for the Region 26 Weather Symposium to be held in Dunning on March 15, 2019 at the gymnasium. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- ii. 2017 Grant – Bills are coming in that need to be paid by this grant. CERT is not divided out to any particular entity. Credentialing includes T-Cards, holders, licensing fees and training.

Lunch Break 12:00pm to 12:40pm

- iii. 2018 Grant – Holt County's tower will be out of this grant as well as Rapid Tag for Keith County, training and exercise, including the Cyber Security Class, Table Top Exercises, Full Scale, Advanced Training Series and Mini Beta training.

- b. TICP Updates – a reminder to have them in next week. The February training for TICP will need to be rescheduled. Linda will contact them.
- c. Cyber Security Class – This will be paid for out of the 2018 Grant. The trainer, airfare and motel will be paid as well as the advertising, venue and food as long as the training is 8 hours in length.

Flyers were passed around for approval or any corrections. The flyer will be sent electronically to each person hosting and they can disperse flyers in their area. Alma will get the form sent in for this training to Julie at NEMA.

- d. Advanced Professional Series – It was discussed to host the G-364 Multi-Hazards for Schools. Each emergency manager will talk to their schools and see when the best time of year would be to host this class.
- e. Other Old Business – The Knowledge Center, which is an EOC software, is in the beginning stages but are requesting information from emergency managers. It was agreed that before we submit information a clear understanding of the product is needed since some of the information requested is sensitive and would not be something the public should be privy to.

At NACO the See Something, Send Something app was discussed. It's an app that if you see something where you are you can anonymously report it.

SME's – Julie gave Alma little time to assign a SME for the Cyber Security workgroup so she put her name as the SME. Mark will be the Communications Workgroup, Elizabeth will be CERT, Alma will also be Planning-Exercise-Training unless someone else would like to do it. Doug is the SAC.

Ryan Lowry sent a time line for the IJ process. We will meet January 25, 2019 at 10:30am at Region 26 EOC for an IJ workshop. *After the meeting ended the date got changed to January 17, 2019.

- 5. New Business
 - a. Other new Business – None
- 6. Adjournment – Chairman Fox adjourned the meeting at 2:51pm.

Next Regular Meeting will be February 22, 2019 at 10:00am at Region 26 EOC with the CodeRED representative.

Submitted by
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Secretary

Board Chairman

Date