

# Tri-County PET Region Working Group

## Agenda

July 10th, 2020, 0900 CT  
Jesse Lowe Conference Room

### Meeting comes to order

#### 1. Introductions

Marty Bilek, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

First Name	Last Name	Standing Committee	Attendance
Marty	Bilek	Working Group chair	X
Bill	Bowes	Rural Fire alternate	
Lori	Anderson	Communications alternate	X
Dan	Douglas	Emergency Management chair	X
Stu	DeLaCastro	Sarpy County alternate representative	
Margaret	Perdue	City of Omaha / Working Group Alternative Chair	X
Kevin	Griger	Rural Law Enforcement chair	X
		Washington County representative	
Travis	Harlow	Rural Fire chair	X
Bill	Holiday	Urban Law Enforcement alternate	
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County representative	X
Coby	Werner	Urban Fire alternate	X
Mark	Desler	Urban Law Enforcement chair	X
Lynn	Marshall	Sarpy County representative	X
Butch	Groves	Washington County alternate representative	
Adi	Pour	Douglas County alternate representative	
Joe	Salcedo	Urban Fire chair	
Whitney	Shiple	Emergency Management alternate	X
Bill	Muldoon	Communications chair	X
Dennis	Snook	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CIKR) chair	X

*Jesse Eret (Sarpy County Emergency Management Agency), Cynthia Kennedy (Mayor's Office), Jason Casady (Douglas County Emergency Management Agency), Val Goodman (Omaha Metro Health Care Coalition), Megan Wade (Medical Reserve Corps), Eric Plautz (MUD), Logan Lueking (Nebraska Emergency Management), Dale Tedder (Tri-County Citizen Corps Program), Britney Hensley (Sarpy/Cass Health Department), Alison Dye (Three Rivers Health Department), Dave Points (University of Nebraska Omaha Public Safety), Brian Stoley (La Vista, Police) Gib Filter (Sarpy County Information Security), Sarah Egner (City of Omaha Finance)*

#### 2. Review & approval of May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes

- a. Travis Harlow made a motion to approve May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes; Kevin Griger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Updates and Reports

#### 1. **Tri-County SHSG Management & Administration Update** *Margaret Perdue, Omaha Mayor's Office*

- a. No news about the FY 2020 award yet, but based on last year we should hear back on that information in August.
2. **Financial update & report:** *Margaret Perdue, Omaha Mayor's Office*
  - a. FY 2017 SHSG; performance period ends on June 1, 2021. Project period extension granted due to COVID-19 impact on project timelines.
  - b. FY 2018 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31st, 2021
  - c. FY 2019 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

#### 3. **Standing committee reports**

- a. **Emergency Management:** *Dan Douglas, Washington County Emergency Management Agency*  
– Hazard mitigation plan is up for review and should be signed off by NEMA mid-2021 working with NRD and JEO. Severe weather season and have not been affected much at this point. The

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emergency management will be looking at the Tri-County MOU moving forward, as current MOU runs through 2020. Possible advance planning course--300/400 classes. Douglas County finishing up Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) revisions, Sarpy County's will be due in 2021, Washington County's in 2022.

- i. **Citizen Corps Program:** *Lynn Marshall, Sarpy County Emergency Management Agency, Dale Tedder, Tri-County Citizen Corps Coordinator*— working through 2017 Citizen Corps programs – that has been extended so they can spend down the funds. Programs moving forward; zoom meetings and training. More requests for assistance from the health departments. Fire corps is looking to have a fall class and they will be finalizing that next week. Neighborhood watch is working on some of the programs with assisting neighbors. Video production for advertising is moving forward; group meeting next Tuesday.
  1. **Medical Reserve Corps:** *Megan Wade, MRC Coordinator*—MRC Working with health department on recovery information with Three Rivers and mass information project in Douglas County.
- b. **Communications:** *Bill Muldoon, Sarpy County Emergency Communications* – Progress made on regionalization of radio system. Manhunt situation down in Papillion highlighted need for quick interoperability. Requests from OPD and DCSO to use some of their towers. Systematically, do not want to overload the system. Several entities can roam freely off Sarpy towers, and likewise Sarpy entities have rights to roam off ORION Omaha and Pottawattamie towers. Working out really well and buying additional capacity. No request or patch necessary. The radios will select towers automatically that work best. Radios only need to be turned to appropriate channel. Meets a big regional need. Issues with Cass County due to their different radio system and frequencies. Aware of the issues and working with Cass to improve. Discussion about channel encryption, communication between agencies, and ground to air. Pottawattamie County currently occupying backup center in basement of civic center while renovating their 911 center.
- c. **Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources:** *Dennis Snook, OPPD* – CIKR did not meet last month due to COVID. Preparing businesses for events. NPP has been very busy and they have been involved in the Governor's taskforce on economic recovery. They have been working with UNO's economic development group, partnership with NPP and them. CDBG disaster recovery funding will provide for training in regards to emergency planning for small and medium sized businesses. Reaching out to businesses and ensure they have better planning and insurance moving forward. Draft was released for public comment. Suspended the monthly trainings over the last couple of months. Added companies to NPP as members. They will be working on a report to share with the group.
- i. **Nebraska Preparedness Partnership:** *Sandra Hobson, NPP Program Coordinator* – shared updates via email – she was not able to join.
  1. Flood - Continue to work on Governor's Task Force for Disaster Recovery – 4-year recovery plan being finalized. Part of Economic Recovery sub-group; will be co-lead on increasing the number of businesses across the State with a recovery plan by holding webinars, workshops, one-on-one training, etc.
  2. COVID-19 -- Working on Food Security Task Force to get donations (money, food, & equipment) to food banks and shelters throughout the State since demand has increased due to job loss, schools being out, etc. Information sharing from NEMA, DHHS, FEMA, etc. to businesses, chambers of commerce, non-profit partners, etc. Participated on daily JIC calls while they were operational. Attend virtual State EOC calls.

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3. Training & Exercises -- Three TEEEX classes postponed due to COVID-19. Plan to schedule all four in 2021 since no online option. Vigilant Guard exercise with the National Guard was postponed to the fall and has now been cancelled. June 27 – Community Preparedness Event – postponed until 2021
4. Partnerships -- Continue to work with NEVOAD, LTRGs, etc. on outstanding efforts from flooding and coronavirus. Added Fiserv as a new paid member, as well as some small businesses at no charge.
5. Meetings & Presentations -- Met (virtually) with NBDC to become familiar with one another and discuss plan for going forward on training and increasing disaster planning with businesses. Presented (virtually) to Rep. Bacon’s Congressional Youth Advisory Academy on NPP’s interactions with government and Emergency Management agencies

ii. **Omaha Health Care Coalition (HCC):** *Justin Watson, Nebraska Medicine –shared update via e-mail- he was not able to join.*

1. The OMHCC continues to facilitate Hospital Unified Command meetings, which are being conducted once per week. Several of the ad-hoc workgroups have stopped meeting until needed. The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)/Infection Control and Non-Hospital Healthcare workgroups are meeting the most frequently. We continue to produce a weekly Incident Action Plan (IAP), which is uploaded to Knowledge Center, our information sharing platform. Our incident Operations Log (ICS 214 form) within Knowledge Center currently has 2,867 log entries and 404 separate documents have been linked to the incident. 32 separate incidents, including hospitals, health departments, and long-term care facilities have made the coalition their parent incident in Knowledge Center.
2. While OMHCC warehouse operations have relaxed, PPE quantity and quality remain one of our biggest concerns. Many healthcare facilities are utilizing the State’s PPE process, which is good. We have also helped facilitate the sharing of resources between facilities.
3. Since our last report, our occupancy rates have increased. We currently sit at 78% for Medical/Surgical (Med/Surg) beds, 68% for adult ICU beds, and 81% for pediatric ICU beds. That increase is not necessarily due to COVID. At one time our total number of inpatients diagnosed with COVID-19 had risen to over 130 on a daily basis. As of 7/8/2020, the daily number of inpatients diagnosed was 86 with 33 persons under investigation (PUI). Our region is currently using 116 of the 363 ventilators available in hospitals.
4. The COVID incident has halted most OMHCC activities, including exercises and training. Our planned Diamond in the Rough exercises were postponed and have not been rescheduled. We will share more

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information, once our Exercise and Training Workgroup are able to determine a new schedule.

**iii. Public Health:** *Douglas County Health Department, Sarpy/Cass Department of Health, Three Rivers Public Health Department-*

1. *Britney Hensley, Sarpy/Cass Health Department* -continue to see number of cases slow down a bit. Still working hard with state partners to get PPE. Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, and 3 Rivers are starting to ramp up for mass vaccination pods. Most likely will begin happening at the beginning of next year. Lynn from Sarpy – input from health departments to help guide that process. Appreciate all the work the public health department and health care coalition has done for them.
2. *Allison Dye, Three Rivers Health Department*– meeting regularly and discussing trainings. Encourage people to practice guidelines. PPE – still working closely with the state to ensure PPE to everyone. Starting to see more PPE coming in right now. Working with long-term care facilities for baseline testing.

**d. Urban Law Enforcement:** *Capt. Mark Desler, OPD* – Has taken on the Urban Law Enforcement Chair role. Some protests continue occasionally, but has calmed since early June. Discussed some mandates in place to minimize contact related to COVID-19. Debrief coming up with partner agencies related to civil unrest.

**i. Omaha Terrorism Early Warning Group:** *Capt. Mark Desler, OPD* –

1. The TEW continues to work on the 6 month updates within OMAPS and has been revisiting several schools and taking/adding additional pictures as well as updating any new construction photos. We are still in discussion with Douglas County GIS to move to a dashboard for viewing purposes and moving OMAPS to PORTAL to avoid expensive log in fees.
2. The TEW will be handling the DHS National Special Events Data Call for the metro area again this year. The data call will commence on 3 August 2020 and close on 11 September 2020. The TEW will be collecting data on special events scheduled in the metro between 1 December 2020 and 30 November 2021. The information will be submitted to the NIAC in Lincoln who will in turn submit the info directly to DHS through the 2020 special events data call portal. Each entry will then be evaluated and if accepted, will be assigned a Special Event Assessment Rating (SEAR) of 1-5. SEAR 1 being the highest level down through 5. We will have no SEAR 1 events here in the metro I'm aware of. The TEW personnel will have access to the SEAR ratings when they are adjudicated by a special events working group through DHS. If anyone has any input for the metro or questions just get in touch with Lee Tomlinson (X4071).
3. On 19 June 2020 a very large collection (nearly 270 gigabytes) of potentially sensitive files from police departments, fusion centers and other law enforcement entities were leaked online in a collection dubbed "BlueLeaks". The information came from a security breach at a company called Netsential which is a Houston based web development and web hosting firm. Netsential developed the Omaha Metro Terrorism Early Warning Group website back in 2007 and has hosted the

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site since that time. The good news is that (Lee) opted at the time to NOT use the website for the storing of and transmission of any sensitive data therefore we are in a much better position than other fusion centers/entities. Lee has been in direct contact with Netsential director Steve Gartrell as well as DotCOMM IT Security (Greg Andersen) and is comfortable at this time continuing to have Netsential host the OMATEWG website. Again, if anyone has any questions just contact Lee.

- e. **Rural Law Enforcement:** *Capt. Kevin Griger, Sarpy County Sheriff's Office* – 2017 grant – Douglas County plans to use remaining \$24,000 in funds though training has been postponed. 2019 grant – exercise that Sarpy has planned is going to be postponed but moving forward with May 2021 execution date.
  - f. **Urban Fire:** *B/C Coby Werner, Omaha Fire Department* – Trainings initially scheduled were postponed or cancelled. Looking to reschedule these trainings early spring 2021. Structural Collapse training may be held later this fall.
  - g. **Rural Fire:** *Travis Harlow, Waterloo Volunteer Fire Department* – on August 13 @ 11:00am – initial briefing with any participants willing to join for incident-management team. Get together and see who would be qualified in their local area. First kickoff meeting information to be sent out to everyone. It will be on 156<sup>th</sup> and Maple and Douglas County Emergency Management Conference Room. Discussion regarding qualifications, someone who has completed or willing to complete ICS 300/400. Identify individuals who will stick with the initiative. Planning for long-range and identify who is qualified. Each county or region may know but there's nothing set in stone. They need to identify their gaps.
4. NEMA Report: *Logan Lueking, NEMA* – COVID is their big focus; things are calming down a bit and they are anticipating potential increase in the fall. BOLD software will help facilitate more cooperation in LEOPs and planning . It will be paid for from the federal funds – will not be from the region's federal funds. It will be at the state level and pay for all the counties. Working on a timeline with the company, which will offer training and working the details out right now. Discussion regarding NEMA portal for those who need to apply for FEMA funds related to COVID. NEMA has a relationship with the public assistance and there is a FEMA portal that individual applicants can get into and submit all their documentation; also find out where the approval process it at and anyone is privy to this information. Discussion of process and timeline for project approval.

### Public Comment

1. Any public comments?

### Upcoming Events: *Margaret Perdue, Omaha Mayor's Office*

1. Please review the Tri-County's multi-year planning, exercise, and training (PET) calendar.
  2. Please review the [NEMA training calendar](#) for statewide training opportunities
  3. PET Subcommittee meeting following adjournment of this meeting.
2. Bill Muldoon motion to approve adjournment, Dennis Snook seconded the motion. Members voted by unanimous acclamation.