

Tri-County PET Region Working Group

Meeting Minutes

May 8th, 2020, 0900 CT

Zoom Meeting

Meeting comes to order

1. Introductions

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	Holaday	Urban Law Enforcement alternate	X
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County representative	X
Coby	Werner	Urban Fire alternate	X
Jay	Leavitt	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	
Bill	Muldoon	Communications chair	X
Dennis	Snook	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CIKR) chair	X

Jesse Eret (Sarpy County Emergency Management Agency), Amber Parker (Mayor's Office), Jason Casady (Douglas County Emergency Management Agency), Justin Watson (Omaha Metro Health Care Coalition), Brad Witte (Omaha Fire Department), Megan Wade (Medical Reserve Corps), Pam Schwalb (United Way of the Midlands), Eric Plautz (MUD), Sandra Hobson (Nebraska Preparedness Partnership), Logan Lueking (Nebraska Emergency Management), Chris Ulrick (Nebraska Emergency Management), Dale Tedder (Tri-County Citizen Corps Program), Ryan Lowry (University of Nebraska)

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1. Introduction of voting members present
2. Review & approval of March 13th, 2020 meeting minutes

Updates and Reports

1. Tri-County SHSG Management & Administration Update
2. Financial update & report: *Margaret Perdue, Omaha Mayor's Office*
 - a. FY 2017 SHSG; performance period scheduled to end on June 1, 2020 has been extended to June 1, 2021
 - b. FY 2018 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31st, 2021
 - c. FY 2019 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31st, 2022
3. Standing committee reports
 - a. Emergency Management: *Dan Douglas, Washington County Emergency Management Agency*
 - i. Working on Covid-19 response
 - b. Communications: *Bill Muldoon, Sarpy County Emergency Communications*
 - i. Nothing to report

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- c. Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources: *Dennis Snook, OPPD*
 - i. Running into issues getting prioritization for testing. If moved to shelter-in-place, presents an issue as policy is based on testing critical staff before. Growing need as only a handful of populations receive prioritization. Identified 66 people that specifically operate generation plants, and subsector of control center that manages grid for 13-county region. If situation worsens, there's shelter in place option, but would not want to put that in place without prior testing. Have been told that they would not be considered a critical population. Small amount of employees that can perform the necessary job functions. Working with health departments and emergency managers to resolve, possibly take to the governor.
 - 1. *Eric Plautz, MUD* Think the situation applies to all utilities. Including gas, water, critical infrastructure in the same boat. MUD received same answer that they were not high enough on the list to receive testing at this time. Will have to wait until testing increases.
 - 2. *Lynn Marshall, Sarpy County* discussed this situation on NEMA call this week, and received information that testing should go through TestNebraska.
 - 3. *Paul Johnson, Douglas County* difficult to prioritize due to so many critical needs across sectors.
 - 4. *Marty Bilek, Mayor's Office* important input to share regarding utilities priority as governor is making statewide decisions.
 - ii. Nebraska Preparedness Partnership: *Sandra Hobson, NPP Program Coordinator*
 - 1. Continuing on economic development task force—flood and covid related. Food security task force working on refrigeration units for food banks and pantries, as well as donations. Covid communications and assisting businesses with locating PPE as they reopen.
 - iii. Omaha Health Care Coalition (HCC): *Justin Watson, Nebraska Medicine*
 - 1. Hospital Unified Command meeting two times weekly, as well as work groups including morgue surge capacity, an EMS hospital group looking at patient hand off issues, and PIO as well as others. 31 separate incidences have made the coalition their parent incident in Knowledge Center. It is being used greatly—over 2500 log entries in operational log. various organizations have attached over 370 documents to incidents.
 - 2. A lot of work in getting coalition and other resources to those needed—surgical masks alone have provided 1.3 million surgical masks.
 - 3. 65% occupancy rate as of 5/7/20 in five county region. 474 beds available. 88 total inpatients diagnosed with Covid-19, 36 PUIs. Ventilator situation using 135 of 360—26 used for Covid-19 patients. The occupancy rate has been steady increase—last week 40 inpatients and this week 88.
 - iv. Public Health: *Douglas County Health Department, Sarpy/Cass Department of Health, Three Rivers Public Health Department*
 - v. Citizen Corps Program: *Lynn Marshall, Sarpy County Emergency Management Agency & Dale Tedder, Tri-County Citizen Corps Coordinator*
 - 1. Citizen Corps program continuing to meet. All committees meeting regularly. Working on promotional video to recruit volunteers. Used throughout state to promote programs. CERT very busy with request for services. As of 2020, CERT team has logged 370 hours, 2274 miles, a total savings of \$9,655 to the community. Neighborhood watch committee working with other NWC to promote "Check your neighbor", try to make contact, that everyone is ok. 501 c 3 process almost completed.

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2. *Megan Wade, MRC Coordinator* MRC assistance requests on daily basis. The past six weeks have been offering counseling session from behavioral health professionals for health department employees that would like anonymous sessions. Working with Three Rivers Public Health Department to support contract tracing. Supporting Southeast NE MRC with contact tracing in Crete area—all remotely done. Douglas County Health Department, partnering with “masks for many” to coordinate pick up and drop off and any donations. Already picked up 245 masks. Many requests that currently don’t have resources to meet.
 - d. Urban Law Enforcement: *Lt. Jay Leavitt, OPD*
 - i. Moved on purchasing bounce imaging cameras under 2019 funds. Other funding through Hazard Device Technician group, training delayed, in process to getting rescheduled for Bomb Techs.
 - ii. Omaha Terrorism Early Warning Group: *Bill Holaday, OPD*
 1. Currently working with Millard School District in the OMAPS program.
 - e. Rural Law Enforcement: No update
 - f. Urban Fire: *B/C Coby Werner, and Capt. Brad Witte, Omaha Fire Department*
 - i. Covid response primarily. Swift water rescue, waiting to see if it can be held this year or will be moved to next, and structural Collapse class rescheduled for next April, 2021.
 - g. Rural Fire: No update
4. NEMA Report: *Logan Lueking, NEMA*
 - a. Covid-19 response moving forward with BOLD software, which will hopefully assist emergency managers and partners with operations plans. Any needs continue to reach out.
 - b. *Chris Ulrick, NEMA* Looking at canceled trainings held on virtual platforms to provide those. Knowledge Center 110 different incidents feeding into one—on healthcare and emergency management side. Over 124 users in the system in last 24 hours—being used heavily. Will be pushing out Knowledge Center trainings in next couple weeks.
5. University of Nebraska collaboration with Nebraska Department of Education project update: *Ryan Lowry, University of Nebraska*
 - a. 2018 US Department of Education funding to work with school districts to create emergency operation plans. Did regional seminar to introduce schools officials and emergency managers. Moving forward in second year.
 - b. Scott Stemper, Nebraska Department of Education, planning to every district in Nebraska to provide training on emergency operation plan. Have found that school safety planning have seldom included emergency manager and law enforcement. Have planned out the ESU schedule, but now disrupted by COVID. Encouraging superintendents to include law enforcement and EM in planning.
6. Nebraska 211 Presentation: *Dr. Pam Schwalb, United Way*
 - a. Nebraska 211 helpline operated by United Way of the Midlands. Is an available resource for entire state. Have worked with Douglas County Emergency Management, so that in the event of an emergency, 211 can take reports on behalf of county, while county is dealing with emergency.
 - b. Received funding from State of Nebraska this year. Currently, 211s activated in Iowa are taking all Covid related calls. Individuals can contact by phone, text, chat, or online, an app coming this year. 1/3 of operators speak Spanish. Language line to support one hundred other languages, and assist with hearing impaired.
 - c. Have served 192 counties in March, 2020. 29,000 contacts. 166% increase over last March, when taking calls related to flooding. Last March was over 100% increase over March, 2018.

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Averaging over 1000 contacts per day. 27% of calls related to healthcare, 15% related to food, 38% related to housing.

- d. Offering to back up Nebraska Department of Health in terms of contact tracing. If need after hours or call surges, as well as wraparound services.

Public Comment

1. Any public comments?

Upcoming Events: Margaret Perdue, Omaha Mayor's Office

1. The **next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 10th, 2020** at 9:00 AM location to be determined.