

Tri-County PET Region Working Group

Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2021, 0900 CT

Meeting comes to order

1. Introductions

Marty Bilek, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

First Name	Last Name	Standing Committee	Attendance
Marty	Bilek	Working Group chair	X
Bill	Bowes	Rural Fire alternate	
Lori	Anderson	Communications alternate	
Jason	Casady	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	
Dan	Douglas	Washington County representative	
Travis	Harlow	Rural Fire chair	
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County representative	X
Coby	Werner	Urban Fire alternate	
Mark	Desler	Urban Law Enforcement chair	
Lynn	Marshall	Sarpy County representative	
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	

Logan Lueking (Nebraska Emergency Management), Dale Tedder (Tri-County Citizen Corps Program), Sarah Egner (City of Omaha Finance) Amber Parker (City of Omaha Finance), Brad Witte (Omaha Fire)

2. Review & approval of March 12th, 2021 meeting minutes

- a. Motion to approve passed by unanimous vote

Updates and Reports

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

- a. 2021 IJ Process – continuing. SME & SAC & policy meetings have occurred. NEMA will submit – will not hear about final awards until August/September. Projects moved forward with one exception. M&A removed at the policy level after being funded at the SAC level. 2017 MOU – looking at 2020 Census and will review the MOU that details contributions to fund M&A by the Tri-County parties.

2. **Financial update & report:** *Margaret Perdue, Omaha Mayor's Office*

- a. FY 2017 SHSG; performance period ends on June 1, 2021 (1 year no cost extension) – a few outstanding projects. Margee has been in communication with relevant personnel. Unexpended funds go back to NEMA unless encumbered prior to the end of the project period – June 1st. RE: 2020 National Homeland Security Conference (cancelled due to

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pandemic). This is scheduled for August in 2021 –the funds eligible to be used for pre-conference costs. No budget for lodging/per Diem. Those costs would be out of the department budget for attendees. A PET request process must be followed.

- b. FY 2018 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31st, 2022 (*pending amendment for 1 Year no cost extension*) – amendment going through Council for approval.
- c. FY 2019 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31st, 2022
- a. FY 2020 SHSG; Financial Clearance (pending applicable agreements); performance period ends on August 31st, 2023 – NPP agreement remains pending

3. Standing committee reports

a. **Emergency Management:** *Jason Casady, Douglas County Emergency Management Agency*

- i. BOLD planning software training in process of being rolled out
- ii. **Citizen Corps Program:** *Dale Tedder, Tri-County Citizen Corps Coordinator*
CERT Team training next weekend at Bellevue training site, National Conference in Springfield, Missouri, Public Outreach – I Heart Radio announcement – advertising for new members, Fire Corps program 21- students in 8th week, MRC – has MOU with area health departments putting in funds to offset Megan’s hours, Neighborhood Watch returning to regular programming

b. **Communications:** *Bill Muldoon, Sarpy County Emergency Communications*

Finished radio project. Working out interoperability reassurances. Smaller departments have come onto the system to improve communications. Still working with State Patrol on the updates to their system as they transition. Includes state personnel on the state radio system. Enhancing communications between agencies. Discussion regarding radios & access across departments/counties/municipalities was held. Training is key to ensuring end user is able to access necessary channels.

c. **Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources:**

i. **Nebraska Preparedness Partnership:** *Email update provide by Sandra Hobson, NPP Program Coordinator*

- Flood
 - Continue work on Governor’s Task Force for Disaster Recovery
 - Working with DED (Dept. of Economic Development), NBDC, and the Nebraska Extension office.
- COVID-19
 - Continue work on Food Security Task Force
 - Continue information sharing from NEMA, DHHS, FEMA, etc. to businesses, chambers of commerce, non-profit partners, etc.
- Training & Exercises
 - Researching online training possibilities for other courses since most businesses have said they will not consider attending training until 4th quarter 2021 or maybe not until 2022.
 - Exercise
 - Participating in Ingestion Pathway Exercise - Cooper Nuclear Power Station as part of the State EOC. This is scheduled for May 25 – 26.
 - Working on a series of business continuity plan training. The plan is to make these into training videos.
 - The Powerpoint and script are in review for an Introduction/Basics module.

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- The Powerpoint and script for the Risk Assessment module will be ready for review next week.
- Multiple business continuity plans were reviewed and combined into a plan template that will be used as the basis for the training. It includes over 30 pages of appendices with checklists and samples, as well. The template will be made available to businesses.
- Partnerships
 - FEMA Region VII:
 - Virtually presented at a RISC meeting of nationwide Private Sector liaisons regarding covid-19 response and my perspective.
 - Helping review and evaluate pilot of CBO (Community Based Organization) preparedness.
 - Hot Meals USA: Developed a partnership with this Kearney-based nonprofit that has now served over 1 million meals nationwide during disasters. They could be a valuable resource in the future.
 - Various businesses, organizations, and nonprofits: Continue to field questions and assist with requested information.
 - Other groups: Continue to be active and maintain working relationships with local long-term recovery groups and LEPCs, Citizen Corps, CERT, and NEVOAD.
- Website
 - The new NPP website is up and running. Via this website, we are able to be more flexible with content and can accept donations. Please visit neprep.org and contact Sandra with any comments, suggestions, glitches, etc.
 - ii. **Omaha Health Care Coalition (HCC):**
 - Email update provide by Justin Watson, OMHCC:*
 - Current EEI data for OMHCC hospitals. As of 5/12:
 - 317 Med/Surg Beds were available out of 1,499 staffed beds (79% occupancy rate).
 - 107 Adult Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds were available out of 340 staffed beds (69% occupancy rate).
 - 11 Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) beds were available out of 46 staffed beds (76% occupancy rate).
 - 63 total inpatients diagnosed with COVID-19; 22 are Adult ICU level care (21 confirmed, 1 suspected).
 - 3 suspected COVID-19 patients.
 - 117 of the 461 ventilators in hospitals are in use. 10 ventilators are being used for hospitalized patients either suspected or confirmed.
 - 4 - Total # of previous day's number of adult admissions - confirmed or suspected COVID-19
 - 1 - Total # of previous day's patients admitted aged 0-17 with confirmed or suspected COVID-19
 - Hospital Unified Command (HUC) still meeting once per week on Fridays. Currently in its 39th operational period.
 - COVID ad-hoc workgroups are meeting as needed. The PPE Reuse/Infection Prevention workgroup is the only one meeting regularly on a monthly basis. They are focused more on infection prevention now.

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- I'm still attending weekly Douglas County Unified Command calls and providing an update for them.
- We have halted the UVGI decontamination process at Good Samaritan Society – Millard due to updated CDC guidance on N95 respirators and greater availability of these supplies. Also, the Southeast Region no longer needs or wants their UV light tower provided by the state. Ben Tysor helped transport it to our warehouse. So, the OMHCC now has two UV light towers.
- Regarding the FY2019 Budget – the Diamond in the Rough exercises were postponed due to COVID. We are planning on conducting the TTX in October and the FSE in Spring of 2022.
- Regarding the FY2020 Budget – the exercise schedule has been affected by COVID so we are still determining the future schedule of full scale exercises. Also, the Equipment and Resources Workgroup will be looking at the Resource Inventory Equipment IJ and developing an implementation plan soon.
- We did conduct a virtual Burn Surge TTX on April 27th that worked really well and might provide us options going forward until we are able to meet in-person again. Many healthcare facilities still have policies in place restricting external partners at meetings.

iii. Public Health

d. Urban Law Enforcement:

i. Omaha Terrorism Early Warning Group:

Lee Tomlinson, OPD:

OMAPS continue to push to move to dashboard. Douglas County GIS back in office and should be able to get moving soon. The dashboard will make the program more user friendly and functional. Introduced Officer Jarrod Galloway.

e. Rural Law Enforcement:

f. Urban Fire: *Brad Witte, Omaha Fire Department*

Last month OFD hosted structural collapse course – students from Sarpy & Omaha Fire. Next week OFD will host swift/flood moving water course. Discussed number of current structural collapse technicians.

Rural Fire:

NEMA Report: *Logan Lueking, NEMA*

Expressed appreciation for EM's willing to participate in planning process updates rolled-out, mentioned by Jason. Tia Lofton, Planning Specialist, was introduced. Has been with NEMA approximately 15 months. POC for BOLD. Discussion regarding transfer/upload barriers in system.

Public Comment

1. Any public comments? Marty Bilek announced retirement from City of Omaha, Mayor's Office.
4. Future Meetings
5. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 9th, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48AM by unanimous vote.