

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 1130 Hours  
Via Zoom  
South Central PET Region  
Agenda

Present: Ron Pughes (Adams), Dawna Whitcomb (Adams), Darrin Lewis (Buffalo), Tim Lewis (Clay), Brian Woldt (Dawson), Chris Becker (Harlan), Jon Rosenlund (Hall), Kirt Smith (Hamilton), Joanna Le Moine (Lincoln), Nick Elledge (Nuckolls), Jill Harvey (Phelps), Justin Norris (Phelps), Ron Sunday (Webster), Ryan Lowry Public Policy Center, Haley Roemmich (Clay Co Deputy), Logan Leuking (NEMA), Chief Waugh (Kearney PD), Neil Miller (LEG), Scott Stemper (Public Policy Center), Lindsey Button (Public Policy Center), Shawn Jacobs (NWS NP), Heidi Wheeler (WCDHD/NPPD), Chris Ulrick (NEMA), Richard Conrad (Hall Co), Susan Danehey (ARC), Marion McDermott (ARC), Sue Krogman, Eric Deselich (EPA)

- 1) Call to Order – Open Meeting Law
  - a. Brian called to order at 11:30 AM.
  - b. Roll call done to check those present & introduce new people.
  
- 2) Review and approve the agenda
  - a. Kirt moved to approve the agenda. Nick seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  
- 3) Review and approve the minutes from the previous meeting
  - a. Kirt moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Jon seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  
- 4) NEMA Report –
  - a. Logan mentioned that NEMA is looking into ways to do online courses in the future, depending on how long COVID goes. Looking at ways and technologies that are out there to assist with this. Moving forward with a PO for the BOLD software. He will forward it on as soon as he gets more information. He appreciates anyone who has been able to send in their LEOP revision files, as he knows how busy everyone is. Deadlines will be moveable as long as you are able to email him and let him know what is going on and how soon you might be able to get them in. He just needs to be able to let bosses know that there is communication and work progressing on them.
  - b. Chris mentioned that as we move further into ICKC, if we need more people trained to use it to let him know and he will work with you to get it set up. He and Pam have discussed getting the training set up on video(s), so that they would be able to do the training like that. Jon has a number that he would like to have trained like that.
  
- 5) SC LEG Update – Sheriff Miller

- a. Sheriff Miller mentioned that they had their grant zoom with NEMA, and all things submitted to NEMA were approved by that committee to move on. A lot was training, and most was dealing with things for the Cyber task force. He wanted to thank Jon and Darrin for setting down as a group to get it together.

6) ARC Update – Susan Danehey

- a. They have a replacement for Brian as DPM for the area. It will be Marion McDermott. They are still there during COVID- but are responding in a different manner. They will be doing as many virtual things as possible, and while they will still respond to tornadoes, etc. they will be doing so in a safe manner for their volunteers.

7) Old Business

a. 2017 Grant – Update

- i. The grant ends on June 1<sup>st</sup>. This is why it was mentioned having everything in by May 14<sup>th</sup> at the absolute latest so that she can get them through her county prior to the end of the grant year. There will be some discussion coming up with towers, so she is not sure what will come of those, and we may need to give quite a bit back. We were able to order plenty of training supplies for the Citizen Corps, so we were able to use that, however for the exercise portion, we may have to give that \$3,000 portion back, because the NAEM Conference with the exercise was postponed. \$7,182.45 in training may have to go back also, since many classes have been cancelled, due to COVID. There is the \$4,995 that we slated for Idea Bank to do the video. Darrin mentioned they are still working on the video, and should be invoicing us on that. He is sending them an email to make sure to have that in by the deadline. There is the \$100,000 on the tower which will be discussed later.

ii. CERT Equipment List discussion/approval

- 1. Some equipment was ordered yesterday.

b. 2018 Grant – Update

- i. There is still \$11,000 in Citizen Corps (\$3,000 is for exercises), \$1,000 in System Credentialing, \$15,731.64 in Training, and \$178,716.50 in Data Device (NRIN)(see also discussion below on the towers where it is thought this may all be NRIN Governance, and not usable for building towers).

c. 2019 Grant – Update

- i. The only money spent in 2019 so far has been for a couple of the LEG projects (Magnet Axiom Forensics Suite & Police Intel Information & Intelligence Software) and Be Ready Nebraska. There are still many LEG Projects with available funding (\$21,450 JTAG Chipoff Training, \$7,681 Magnet Axiom Training, \$10,000 Mobile Device Investigations Program Training, \$16,000 Pen-Line Intercept Social Media Package, \$2,777 Police Intel Information & Intelligence Sharing Software, \$8,750 Terrorism Awareness Course). There is also \$560.63 in Be Ready Nebraska, \$11,000 CERT Training (\$3,000 exercises), \$13,000 CNMRC Resources for Vulnerable Populations, \$42,000 for IMT

Training, \$372,000 NRIN Governance Board, and \$17,000 Salamander Credentialing.

- d. Other Financial – Dues, etc.
  - i. Nothing new on this account. The balance is still \$10,103.37 until July when dues come around to be added to it.
- e. Training Calendar – Jill
  - i. Jill asked if we can prepay any invoices for trainings, and Dawna will check with Julie on that. Logan went to get Julie to come in and answer. Julie said that that would not be possible. They are strictly reimbursement only and that would not fall in line with the grant guidelines.
  - ii. Update on approved training classes
    - 1. We had 6 courses that were scheduled through July that will need to be postponed, plus a couple in August and one in September. She wanted a consensus on whether we should begin setting new dates or wait to see what's going on. Darrin thinks we should wait. Jon thinks we should be able to schedule in the late fall. Jill mentioned she can begin putting some dates together and update us on that in July. Brian said that sounds good.
- f. Be Ready Nebraska – Darrin & Jon
  - i. Darrin mentioned that we are still moving forward with the video for the JIT training on VRC. He just emailed them to have that invoice by May 14<sup>th</sup>, and cc'ed Dawna on the email. They are going to move forward without including the live video from the conference, and we should have a completed video by the end of May.
  - ii. Website usage & continuance question
- g. South Central All Hazards Response Team – Darrin
  - i. This is still up in the air as he is waiting for people to move forward on adopting plan and/or mutual aid agreement. If we don't get everyone to sign up for it, it is not something he is willing to continue pursuing.

## 8) NPSCC Update

- a. NRIN – Jon
  - i. Jon mentioned the need to elect the new representatives. The regular election happens through the county boards. Any county can nominate someone from their county or another. Every new term, every county has the opportunity to nominate someone else. As a region, we need to look forward to new towers, and we need to look at that to see if we need any new ones placed. We have not requested any in the last couple of grant years. If you know you need a tower, it will be important to begin that discussion in the fall, so that it can be on the IJ in the winter. They are fortunate to have the agreement with NPPD and the partnership is working out very well.
- b. CNRI –
  - i. Nothing new on this at this time.

9) New Business

a. Dept. of Education School Preparedness Plans – Ryan Lowry

- i. They are working with Schools and School districts to set up high quality emergency plans. They are now in the second year, and are doing webinars with the schools at this time. Scott will begin starting training sessions for the school districts and safety teams. Grant received under Dept of Ed to work on EAPs with school districts across NE. ESU 9 & 10 have postponed in-person meetings. What has been lacking is superintendents that want LE involved but think they are too busy and vice versa. They are working on templates with components including LE, EM, and EMS. There have been discussions with school districts that say they may not start back up in August. They hold School Safety Summit each year in the fall, and this year will be virtual. EM's invited and he will be sending out the information on that. They have been adjusting the calendar for those that want to move forward in place of those who have postponed, so ESU 16 may be moved forward if they want to. Brian asked if there is a generic plan that he might be able to send out to the EM's to be able to see ahead of time. Scott mentioned that it is in line with FEMA template. They are wary on showing it beforehand, because they don't want to have it go back to the old ways of one entity doing the plan instead of all of them working together on it which will form the partnerships that will be needed. He said you can Google the FEMA High Quality Emergency Operations Plan Template and it is in line with that, while making it more school specific. If you have any questions, you can email Scott at [scott.stemper@nebraska.gov](mailto:scott.stemper@nebraska.gov).

b. NRIN Nominations

- i. Brian would suggest Robert Tubbs being the nomination for our region. No other nominations were made. Brian moved to nominate Tubbs for NRIN for the region. Ron P. seconded the motion. Motion passed to nominate him for another term. Brian asked who wants to fill out the form or might have the one from previous years. Brian has a blank one, but does not have all of the information to complete it. Brian will fill out what he can and send to Darrin to complete those sections he cannot with help from Chief Miller.

c. Nuckolls Tower Funding Request

- i. There was some discussion on whether we have tower money in 2018. This is for a new 911 dispatch tower, as they are moving their dispatch site. It would require a 120' tower to complete the NRIN loop coming into Dispatch. He is working on the EHP with Logan. Request is for \$43,485.02. This will complete the NRIN loop and help get it out to the west of them. Sue mentioned it will also finish a ring from Thayer to Grand Island, so this will actually complete 2 rings with NRIN. Darrin asked if we are doing the full amount or the 1/3 thing. Jon mentioned it is the standard throughout the state, the region can do what it wants, but thinks the reason behind the 1/3 thing was to have the locals have a portion into it. Sue mentioned that in the future we need to make sure we are specific in our IJ requests to show if we are paying for the whole tower or a portion. Darrin asked to make sure that we have the funds to pay for the tower.

Dawna is checking the work plan to double check what it was for. Ron S. mentioned some concern with it getting to his county since it is being moved. Sue mentioned that they have been working on getting down there from Grand Island, and have been looking at bouncing things from different towers/NPPD fiber. She said that they are also looking at whether or not they will need to add another tower at some point. There was some discussion on whether we have money in NRIN or the Governance Board. Darrin feels that we should table this until we know for sure that there is money available. Dawna shows it in the work plan as Governance, but it is under Equipment, so she is not sure what it is for. Governance Board is just because we are the FA for them. Jon also mentioned with all of the money that may need to be returned this year, can some of it be moved to help out for this tower if we don't have money in the 2018. Darrin moves to table until we can determine if we have the funds available. Jon seconded. Motion passed. Sue mentioned that if we are able to de-obligate funds, that things can be pushed through as well to get this done. Brian believes that if we get an answer and the funds that we can have an email vote to make it happen. Nick will work on the EHP and get it sent it to be expedited just in case we are able to get this paid for.

d. Harlan Tower discussion

- i. Sue asked Julie to explain process for funding. Julie mentioned that since it is 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 that you can use it to do your groundwork or footings. Logan and Sue have been working on this. Nothing can be done until EHP has been done and approved. They have put in for an extension on the 2017 funding, but there is no guarantee it will go through, or how much time will be given. They can buy the tower and ship it, but the NRIN money comes in with the building. Chris is confused because the amounts being covered by the different entities keeps changing. Darrin said that when we put in the request for it, that it was for the whole tower, not just the 1/3. We were told that if we had the money to pay for the full tower, that we can do the full amount. Chris mentioned that it took almost a year to get the land approved to put it on, and it wasn't approved until January. Julie asked if the EHP was in. Chris mentioned that Platte Valley sent it in. It is currently under review. Julie is working with everyone to try to expedite the process and also extend the grant end. Jon wondered how many invoices that Chris has right now, and was told that Platte Valley has them all. Jon suggests getting everything except the build invoices from them and get them to Dawna to pay everything that they are able to at this time. Chris will get the invoices sent to Dawna immediately. Darrin wanted to verify that there would be no issues paying for the full amount instead of the 1/3 part. But with this being approved for the full amount, everything but the build can be currently paid for, and when the EHP is completed, the remainder will be able to be paid for. Dawna will need the W-9 and SAM for each entity, but if it is Platte Valley, they should be good. Chris says everything is Platte Valley except perhaps the fencing, which may have been a subcontractor. Chris asked about the concrete

slab, which has yet to be poured. Brian mentioned that the only concern is if there is any overage in the cost, that we would not be able to cover it.

- ii. Julie mentioned that in the future, if you have any questions about the grant, to please call her and she will help you fix it.

#### 10) Good of the Group

- a. Eric wanted to check in and talk about the sub-area meetings, which are on hold because of COVID. There has been an update to their plan, and he sent out the link to that on their website. They also have a GIS feature on that. He urges everyone to check it out when you have time. It is essentially designed for disaster response, has stream gauges and NOAA with it. More data sets can be added if the group would like. It is on an EPA server, but password protected. They are here to help the group with planning or anything we need to take on with Hazmat, or other disaster response training/exercises.

#### 11) Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 13:03.