

# Tri-County PET Region Working Group

Meeting Minutes  
March 11th, 2022, 0900 CT  
Jesse Lowe Conference Room

## Meeting comes to order

### 1. Introductions

Thomas Warren, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

First Name	Last Name	Standing Committee	Attendance
Thomas	Warren	Working Group chair	X
Bill	Bowes	Rural Fire alternate	
Lori	Anderson	Communications chair	X
Jesse	Eret	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	X
Travis	Harlow	Rural Fire chair	X
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County representative	
Coby	Werner	Urban Fire alternate	X
Mark	Desler	Urban Law Enforcement chair	X
		Sarpy County representative	
Butch	Groves	Washington County alternate representative	
Joe	Salcedo	Urban Fire chair	
Whitney	Shiple	Emergency Management alternate	X
Bill	Muldoon	Communications alternate	
Dennis	Snook	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CIKR) chair	

*Sarah Egner (City of Omaha Finance), Terri Morrow (MUD), Travis Whitten (Douglas County Sheriff's Office), Dave Points (UNO Public Safety), Justin Watson (Nebraska Medicine), Val Goodman (Deloitte), PJ Bodrowski (Sarpy County Information Systems), Greg Anderson (DotComm), Logan Lueking (NEMA), Tia Loftin (NEMA), Brian Stolley (La Vista PD), Alyssa Sanders (SERC), Tim Storer (Public Works), Erica Colbert (Douglas County Health Department)*

### 2. Review & approval of January 14th, 2022 meeting minutes

- Motion to approve by ULEO, seconded & passed without dissent

## Updates and Reports

### 1. Tri-County 2022 SHSG Management & Administration Update

- 11 projects submitted to NEMA on 2/16/22. 22 projects submitted for total of \$640,253 -- draft submission sent to group prior to submission. Currently under review by NEMA. Last year total award was \$456,726. Average has been approximately \$600,000.
- CI/KR discussion – With transitions, Dennis has moved from OPPD to a different agency. The representative for CIKR is up for discussion. EM discussed the PET piece & want to ensure it is a thriving component. Want to motion that the position returns to a utility company. Motion is seconded by Urban LE. Discussion – Is a formal committee established or is it anyone who shows is part of the committee? Has not met for a number of years, is not a “standing committee”. Normally, with standing committees, the committee chooses who the chair will be. With CIKR, has not been meeting, so choosing a chair has not been an option. Could we reach out to Dennis to get his input regarding someone who may be able to step in without much adjustment? He has been heavily involved, can imagine he would be able to recommend an appropriate person. Hand in hand with this discussion is the relationship with NPP. Want CIKR to be active and thriving, and contribute to the PET. Dennis has been unilaterally providing the connection/function. What would it take to reconstitute the committee? OPPD – would like to see CIKR remain with utility sector, banking does not have the same ties – OPPD or MUD. These companies are public, not private, which makes a difference. Would argue

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that finance is more relevant in a federal or state EM situation. Tonya Notel has suggested that it would be appropriate to maintain the role with OPPD. Has anyone spoken to Dennis regarding his intent to continue participating? No. No formal resignation from Dennis, not appropriate to appoint someone who is not physically present. Suggest talk with Tonya and Dennis, set a meeting with CIKR subcommittee to take suggestions. Take action from there – allow Dennis and Tonya to provide input and also allow the subcommittee members to provide input – group can make decision regarding action moving forward. Will ID what entities should be represented on the CIKR subcommittee, leave it to the committee to appoint their chair. Accomplish this prior to the next scheduled Tri-County committee. Share meeting information with the broader group, through Margee. Next Tri-County meeting is May 13<sup>th</sup>. Were discussing moving cyber out of CIKR to make it a stand-alone committee, should this coincide with the changes? Are committee members representing themselves or their organization? Has not been established – folks have changed roles and agencies – should it be constituted based upon position & agency or by individual? Should be by position – have agency identify the designated position. Should CIKR discuss the removal of cyber to a stand-alone? Yes. Concerns in the past about cyber coming to meetings only when there is grant money available. Sarpy County & Dot.comm – want the SMEs to have a voice. Need a standing committee report from Cyber so they are held accountable to the group. Add them to the agenda and then proceed with amending the bylaws to add cyber as a committee. Need to discuss relationship between groups. Withdraw motion to appoint chair – allow for group to discuss.

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

- a. FY 2018 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31st, 2022 (*1 Year no cost extension*) – projects should be winding down. Reach out to Margee with items that were delayed & are concluding in the next months.
- b. FY 2019 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 (*1 Year no cost extension*) – will have an additional year to complete projects.
- c. FY 2020 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- d. FY 2021 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – have financial clearance, waiting for one subrecipient agreement to be finalized. Otherwise, has been approved through Council. With any exercise, training, or travel – do have to go through approval process with NEMA in 90-30 day window. There is a form that must be completed, submitted & approved prior to moving forward.

### 3. Standing committee reports

- a. **Emergency Management:** *Jesse Eret, Sarpy County Emergency Management Agency --*  
Nothing to report for EM or Citizen Corps.
  - i. Citizen Corps Programs
- b. **Communications:** *Lori Anderson, Washington County Sheriff's Office* – Nothing to report
- c. **Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources:**
  - i. **Nebraska Preparedness Partnership:** *Sandra Hobson, NPP Program Coordinator* –  
submitted via email –  
Flood/COVID-19-Continue work on Governor's Task Force for Disaster Recovery  
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-AWR 213 CISRA (Critical Infrastructure Security & Resilience Awareness)  
– March 16, 2022 - Lincoln  
Starting to plan the 2-day multidisciplinary conference.  
Tentative dates are Monday, September 26-Tuesday, September 27 in Lincoln.  
Starting to put together a planning team to assist with planning breakout tracks.  
Continuity plan webinars  
Getting bids on voiceover for webinar content  
Partnerships- Various businesses, organizations, and nonprofits: Continue to share information, field questions, and assist with requested information.

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Other groups: Continue to be active and maintain working relationships with local long-term recovery groups and LEPCs, Citizen Corps, and NEVOAD.

NEMA: Will be attending an exercise March 15 to train additional EOC liaisons

FEMA: Working with FEMA NIC on developing additional public-private partnership guidance as supplements to the Private-Public Partnership Guidebook released in July 2021.

Comment: Seem to be a lot of state-focus. No focus on Tri-County at all. When founded, was to be a public and private partnership, not a lot of public involvement. Do not feel the focus is on local issues. Very active in state recovery projects. Think we should discuss a transition plan from a regional to state group. Discussed tri-county supporting start-up and growth, has gone past initial two year commitment with no plan for transition. Where does it properly sit in the context of homeland security? To discuss with CIKR.

- ii. **Omaha Health Care Coalition (HCC):** *Justin Watson, Nebraska Medicine* – High of 452 covid patients on Jan 24. As of yesterday, 124 patients. 22 adult ICU, 9 vents being used for COVID patients. Occupancy rates remain high. As declines will still see admissions remain high due to delayed procedures. State medical emergency op center not active, can reignite upon request. National shortage of blood collection tubes. Have put together a workgroup to address strategies to meet the challenge. Issues with visitors at healthcare facilities, particularly long-term care facilities, with visitors not wanting to wear masks. Trying to message that these facilities still have protocols – not related to CDC regulations. Diamond in the rough TTE – over 50 participants - good feedback RE: virtual platform. Did not spend a lot of money. Gearing up for functional exercise – will have some full-scale components – May 18<sup>th</sup>. May spend about half of what was budgeted. PET request for Diamond in the Rough. If no grant funded expenditures, not required. Required when there are grant-funded expenditures. Capt. Teiser OFD is the POC, is on committee.
- iii. **Public Health:** *Douglas County Health Department, Sarpy/Cass Department of Health, Three Rivers Public Health Department –Erica Colbert, Douglas County Health Department* Cases and hospitalizations down. Moderate transmission list. Masking in public is optional. Progress toward vaccination continues. Call center and information line over 67K calls received. Distribution warehouse remains open to push out PPE.
- iv. **Cyber** – public safety secure authentication – Sarpy Co. working on a multijurisdictional project. Secure authentication – goal to tie physical and logical security together. Will upgrade security – advanced technology that cannot be cloned. Multi-factor authentication is the same idea behind this. Is part of compliance, particularly in law enforcement. Working with sheriff's office which handles building security. Also working on computer security, policies and procedures. Ensure that Margee is looped in during procurement process. Tri-county cyber security GRC – IT risk management. Streamlining process – when a procurement takes place, look at compliance piece of the procurement. Look at the solution to ensure that the compliance pieces are reviewed prior to purchases, complete risk assessment.
- d. **Urban Law Enforcement:** *Capt. Mark Desler, OPD* – 2018 need to complete expenditures. Bids for 2021 expenses. IJs submitted for 2022 are out, will work on ranking. Going to change the AES encryption. Will help interoperable communication with other departments during large scale events.
  - i. Omaha Terrorism Early Warning Group: *Lee Tomlinson, OPD* -- May meeting hope to do demo of OMAPS
- e. **Rural Law Enforcement:** No updates
- f. **Urban Fire:** *B/C Coby Werner, Omaha Fire Department* - PET Requests – under review. Working closely with Sarpy CO EM on training. First class is in May @ training center – PET

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Request at NEMA level. OFD will send out info when approved. Both will host the 300-400 courses. One in May and one in August. 30 participants per class allowed. 15-20 fire guys will participate, other spots are available. Will need to check on feasibility if those who have 300, can participate in 400 only. Mastering fire ground command from 2020 grant also scheduled for May. Will send out to group. Some of the EM or LEOs may be interested in the course. There is an online component that can be taken as well (open to 40). This is a train-the-trainer class (open to 16 people), 3 day class scheduled for May. It is an incident command/ICS piece – heavy on fire but can be relevant to anybody. Would be nice to have EM and LEO present to develop a cadre of trainers.

- g. Rural Fire:** *Travis Harlow, Waterloo Volunteer Fire Department* – As of March 3, Douglas Co Unified Command for COVID has terminated. Will reconvene if necessary.
- d. NEMA Report:** *Logan Lueking, Tia Loftin, Alyssa Sanders, NEMA* - NEMA and EM at the county level are getting new incident management logging system. Will be in place by end of the calendar year. There will be a roll out as an opportunity to get people exposed end of April or early May. There will be invitations & some virtual conferences or exercises for practice with it. By end of year it will be here, and the knowledge center will be gone. Positive case of avian flu in Lancaster County. This is the first case since 2015 – had a large outbreak in Northeast around Wakefield. Emailed out the after-action report from the 2015 incident to all of the EM for situational awareness. EM have been reaching out to processing centers in their counties – maintain those contacts & remain aware. MOUs with 9 fire departments that are to be Hazardous materials incident management (type 3) credentialed. State NE Hazardous Incident management team certification (type 2). Question: Is there a list of agencies that do cleanup within the state? Outside agency will not clean up without someone responsible for paying the bill – fire and rescue tied up waiting for this. 2021 wildfire season – panhandle and central NE were hit hard. As a state response team found lacked ability to track and deploy resources. State resource ordering process will be introduced – streamline paperwork. Allows other departments to respond and be reimbursed for equipment, time (volunteers cannot be reimbursed time) – lacking the record-keeping necessary to track deployments. This will create points of contact outside of dispatch, logistics in the field, throughout state – will be given a particular number that will be assigned & used throughout in order to process reimbursement. Help build inventory of strike teams – can be deployed as strike teams. Also helps set expectations for incidents and what will be doing during the deployment. Resource orders will come as pre-populated as possible.

### Public Comment

1. Any public comments? Congress granted funding for national disaster medical system to look at military/civilian hospital integration. If you have specific questions, contact Val.

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

1. NEMA's IJ Review Process Meetings – SME currently working on project rankings.

### Future Meetings

The **next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 13th, 2022** at 9:00 AM.

Regularly scheduled Tri-County meetings occur every two months, on the second Friday of those months at 9:00 AM in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room, unless otherwise specified.

The **regularly scheduled 2022 meeting dates** are as follows:

<del>Friday, January 14, 2022</del>	Friday, July 8, 2022
Friday, March 11, 2022	Friday, September 9, 2022
Friday, May 13, 2022	Friday, November 18, 2022

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The **regularly scheduled 2023 meeting dates** are as follows:

Friday, January 13, 2023	Friday, July 14, 2023
Friday, March 10, 2023	Friday, September 8, 2023
Friday, May 12, 2023	Friday, November 17, 2023

Motion and second to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned without dissent at 10:13 AM.