Minutes

July 9, 2010, 0900 CST

1819 Farnam Street, 3rd Floor, Jesse Lowe Conference Room, Omaha, NE

Meeting comes to order

1. Introduction of voting members present

First Name	Last Name	Agency	July
Tim	Book	Omaha Fire Dept	x
Bill	Bowes	Papillion Fire Dept	Absent
Mark	Conrey	DC 9-1-1	x
Mark	Desler	Omaha Police Dept	Tom Muller
Mary	Finley	OPPD, Critical Infrastructure	x
Larry	Lavelle	SC 911/EMA	x
Steve	Oltmans	City of Omaha	x
Kevin	Pokorny	Lavista Police	x

2. Review & approval of meeting notes from the previous meeting

   Larry Lavelle made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 11, 2010 meeting. Kevin Pokorny seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

Discussion Items

1. Status of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Tri-County/Omaha – Larry Lavelle

   The new membership and bylaws should be approved by July 27, 2010. The greatest change was in the quorum requirements and delegation of voting members.

2. Planning Discussion – NEMA

   The MOU for Tri-County Planning has been signed by NEMA and will be signed by the Omaha Mayor's Office. Upon completion, the Public Policy Center will meet with the Emergency Managers as a steering committee for project. The PET Committee will be formed and serve as a stakeholder group for the duration of the project.

3. Tri-County expansion – Presentation from Region 5/6 EMA to include Dodge County as part of the Tri-County PET Region – Bill Pook

   The Tri-County UASI is one of the smallest UASI's in geographic area, which could impact the future amount of federal dollars it is eligible for. Bill Pook, as a representative for Region 5/6, gave a presentation with the objective of offering Dodge County as a potential UASI County Partner for the 2011 grant year. He noted that Dodge County has several commonalities with Sarpy, Douglas and Washington Counties (see attached informational sheet.)

   Discussion from working group members included comments related to considering the addition of a county as a business decision, analyzing what critical infrastructure the county includes, how the MSA Ranking would be affected, and how Homeland Security funding could be impacted. A committee will

be formed to review the addition of counties and geographic areas to the UASI region. Working group members or others interested in serving on this group should contact Chairperson Steve Oltmans.

4. New committee structures – Phil Ruhe

   The new MOU among the UASI counties includes changes to the committee structures. Mary Finley will represent the newest committee on the working group, the critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR) committee. All committee chairs should prepare a membership list for the committee they represent along with the name of the chair and co-chair who will serve as voting working group members. This list should be sent to Steve Oltmans or Phil Ruhe with the Mayor's Office along with general meeting information (e.g., meeting schedule), and agencies involved in the committee. In addition to the committee chairs, each County will appoint a representative to serve on UASI working group. A total of eleven voting members will form the Tri-County UASI Working Group.

<u>Updates and Reports</u>

1. Tri-County/UASI management & Administration update – Steve Oltmans

   The Department of Homeland Security is hosting a stakeholder meeting in Washington DC to obtain feedback on the 2010 grant process . Tri-County UASI has been asked to send two representatives to the two day conference. Conference attendance would be funded by 2008 grant funds. Recommended representatives include Lynn Marshall from Sarpy County Emergency Management and Mark Conrey from Douglas County Communications.

   A large focus of the National UASI Conference was on completing work on a regional level rather than a national level. Public-private partnerships were encouraged as part of the UASI plan. Another focus was integrating Critical Infrastructure-Key Resources (CIKR) with UASI to include facilities and businesses in emergency response and planning.

2. Financial update & report – City of Omaha Finance Department – Scott Crites

   Invoices for 2006 funds must be in now. All funds have been encumbered except $1,500. The 2008 projects were approved in GMS (the grant management system). 2009 Budget was submitted to committee members. Following approval, projects will be entered into GMS with AEL Codes. The 2010 budget is still being prepared.

3. Standing committee reports
   a. Emergency Management: Larry Lavelle

      The Emergency Management Committee met on July 7, 2010 to discuss regional PET and flooding issues.
   b. Communications: Mark Conrey

      Fiber will be laid soon to connect six fire stations with the communications network. Work continues on statewide interconnectivity projects. Expenditures planned for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant will be discussed at a meeting of the City Council on July 20, 2010. Mark Conrey will be present at the Pre-Council meeting to answer questions. .
   c. Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources: Mary Finley, OPPD

      Mary Finley will work to form a committee by the August Meeting.
   d. Urban Law Enforcement: Lt. Mark Desler, OPD : No Update at this time.

e. Rural Law Enforcement: Lt. Kevin Pokorny, LaVista PD
The committee is working with agencies to prepare for the upcoming audit.
f. Urban Fire: Assistant Chief Tim Book, OFD
Swift water rescue equipment for Bellevue and Eppley fire departments was recently purchased.
g. Rural Fire: Chief Bill Bower, Papillion FD : No Update this time.
h. POC: Steve Oltmans, Office of the Mayor : No update at this time.

4. Reports from other Federal Grant Programs (collaboration with the UASI Grant Program)
   a. Omaha Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) : No update at this time.
   b. Buffer Zone Protection Programs (BZPP) – Bill Pook
   The Washington County BZPP is working on 1) purchasing equipment for a surveillance video system for Tara Nitrogen and 2) completing a proposal for equipment for the Omaha Police Department.
   c. Medical Response Corps / Citizen Corps Program – Evan Knight, CC/MRC Program Coordinator
   Evan Knight has been named the new statewide Citizen Corps/Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator. The focus within the CC / MRC Program will be to create sustainability for future programs. Citizen Corps project goals include: increasing program awareness, increasing recruitment efforts, and increasing volunteer numbers. Medical Reserve Corps project goals include: increasing program awareness, increasing volunteers, and increasing registrations with the state's medical volunteer registry.
   d. Emergency Management / PET Committee Update – Paul Johnson
   A structure for the Planning, Exercise and Training (PET) Group has been prepared. Each UASI committee must elect a representative to serve on the PET Group which will meet on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 PM CST at the Omaha Fire/Police Training Center. County emergency management representatives will assist with coordination of the group. The PET Group will report to the UASI Meeting each month.

   The MARE Exercise is set for Aug 14, 2010 at Offutt Air Force base.

   Future Exercise Planning – Brad Hildebrand, Special Operations, Omaha Fire
   The Qwest Center (MECA) has agreed to a full scale exercise at the Qwest Center which will include TD Ameritrade Park in 2011. The training will likely be held July 27, 2011 and include a table top exercise for the administrative staff of entities involved. The exercise will be held on August 4, 2011. Union Pacific Railroad has agreed to use of their training car as part of the exercise.

Action Items

Public Comment

The PIO-JIC Training will be held on August 20-22, 2010 at the Bellevue fire and training center.

Upcoming events & next meeting

August 13, 2010, 9:00 AM CST.