

Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council
Planning / Pan Flu Subcommittee Meeting
Wednesday, December 7, 2016 2:00 pm
DPH, 23 Service Center Road, Northampton, Ma

Present: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Larry Holmberg (HREPC), Sandra Martin (BCBOHA), Ann Shea (Mercy Medical), , Pat Smith (FRCOG), Tracy Rogers (FRCOG), Mark Maloni (FRCOG), Allison Hope (BCBOHA), Michael Nelson (DPH), Mary Kersell (HCPHC), Ann Dunne (FRCOG), Todd Zukowski (PVPC), Carolyn Shores Ness (Deerfield BOS/BOH), Brian McCartney (PVPC).

This meeting is audio recorded

Ann Shea called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the November 01, 2016 meeting. Tracy Rogers requested an amendment to the PSAP discussion in the MACC.

Motion: Larry Holmberg motioned to approve the November 01, 2016 meeting minutes as amended. Sandra Martin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A round of introductions followed.

FFY 2015 Project Updates

Children in Disasters - Family Reunification:

Pat Smith reported. The FRCOG staff are engaged in additional research to make the template and checklist more relevant. Since this work was not part of the original scope of work, the FRCOG staffs are reviewing the amount of work done in excess of the original budgeted amount. Raine Brown reminded the subcommittee of this possibility when the plan began, and noted we could use the \$5,000.00 from FFY15 funds to complete the outreach process and allocate funding from FFY16 if necessary. MEMA and other State stakeholders are looking to plan as a template to build their own, and complimented the subcommittee for the work. Pat will present the draft template for review at the January Planning & Pan Flu subcommittee meeting.

Debris Management Template

Pat submitted the final version of the Disaster Debris Management Template and Appendices, including minor revisions as suggested by the subcommittee. FRCOG staff also completed the final version of the Local Disaster Debris Management Plan Development Checklist, with major input from Sandra Martin. Sandra also presented the draft Debris Management Response Checklist. She followed the template layout of the Disaster Debris Management Template. She asked for input to finalize the final draft. Sandra will update the draft for the January 2017 meeting.

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Inter-Disciplinary/Jurisdictional Situational Awareness (Information Sharing)

Todd Zukowski will wrap up the report for presentation at the January 2017 meeting.

COAD Long Term Recovery

Allison Hope attended the Berkshire COAD meeting, and met with the Chairs' of the Pioneer Valley and Berkshire County COADs, to review the long term recovery plan outline. Allison continues to conduct research and gather information for the plan template, and will present a draft template at the January 2017 meeting for discussion and feedback. The PV COAD members are proactive, and would like to take ICS 100 Training. Ann Shea noted that Bob Hassett offers ICS 100 & 200 Training which may be of interest to the COAD members.

MACC Phase IV

Mary Kersell reported she attended the first MACC Phase IV meeting in Hampshire County to review the project. There was a lot of conversation about why it will not work. They will discuss staffing at the next meeting and focus on the benefits of the MACC. A physical location is needed within the county, with UMASS EOC offered as a back up. Larry Holmberg noted the planning group was aware of this being another layer of bureaucracy, and looked at as an expansion of the Western Mass. IMT. MEMA has suggested co-location at their Agawam facility, as this would offer another level of support to the region. Larry feels this does not support local major incidents, and situational awareness. Hampshire County does not see the need, until events prove differently. Raine noted the need to focus on the intention of this project, if MACC does not work in Hampshire County, then we will drop this project.

Budget Review

Raine updated the subcommittee on the FFY2015 projects, and noted there is some money left which could be used to extend these projects. Contracts can be extended to conduct more outreach if necessary as part of the Debris Management Plan, as outreach was not budgeted in the beginning. We have \$14,167.00 left, and we have flexibility in how we use it.

The committee needs to consider the investment plan for FFY17 funding. We still have no direct guidance from EOPSS, but it is anticipated that the deadline for submission will be early April 2017 at the latest. EOPSS will prepare and submit their plan to DHS in late April 2017.

Raine reviewed the identified FFY16 projects and associated funding amounts:

- I. Regional Sheltering Hampden County - \$10,000.00 has been allocated for continued regional shelter work in Hampden County, with the intention of using Westfield State as a regional shelter. Brian noted MEMA has identified Westfield State as a state shelter, and therefore it is no longer under consideration to be a regional shelter. There is therefore, no

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premise to continue with this project. The committee will need to determine how to utilize these funds.

- II. Children in Disasters Phase II – work will continue with this project as determined by the outcome of the Family Reunification project and continuing to review the executive summary. \$60,000 has been allocated.

A discussion regarding training ensued. There haven't been any training and exercises with FFY15/FFY16 funds for the Mass Care & Sheltering Investment Areas. Raine reminded the committee that the T&E subcommittee is looking for recommendations for trainings from all WRHSAC subcommittees.

- III. Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) – Raine attended a conference in Washington, D.C on countering violent extremism. The conference was sponsored by the National Institute of Justice; and specifically was a research report meeting. Raine provided an overview of the research presented and general discussion ensued regarding possible project approaches and the challenges associated with using the term “Countering Violent Extremism”.
- IV. MACC Phase V – Raine suggested conducting a survey before we engage this project in Hampden County to understand the level of interest. It was noted that Sheriff-elect Cocchi has expressed a desire to be a leader in regional preparedness, so it may be worthwhile to discuss the project with him. It was suggested to ask Tom Grady to reach out to him. Raine will contact Tom to start the process.

Requests

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Items unforeseen by the chair

None

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 9:00am at DPH, Northampton. Please note the meeting time change.

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There being no further business Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Mary Kersell seconded. Voted was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm

Respectfully Submitted by
Ann Dunne
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