

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 10:00am
168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, MA

Present: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Tom Grady (BCSO), Ann Shea (MMC), Mark Babineau (WMFCA), David Cruz (EOPSS), Tracy Rogers (FRCOG), Sandra Martin (BCBOHA), Fran Nothe (WMFCA), Monica Wynne (Baystate MC), John Pond (WMFCA), Ann Dunne (FRCOG), Ed Lesko (HPHPC), Chris Bouchard (Beckett Highway), Carolyn Shores-Ness (Deerfield BOS/BOH), Jeanne Galloway (WSHCHC), Bob Hassett (Springfield EMD), Bob Barry (MEMA), Michael Nelson (DPH), Marissa Geryk (PVTA), John Paciorek (WMPCA)

This meeting is audio recorded.

The meeting was brought to order at 10:00 am by Thomas Grady, Council Chair.

Approval of Minutes

The Council reviewed the minutes from the September 27, 2016 meeting.

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| <p>Motion: Bob Hassett moved to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2016 meeting. Mark Babineau seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p> |
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A round of introductions followed.

Updates from the Chair

Tom will attend the IMAT Statewide working group meeting later this morning. The flyer for the Statewide Homeland Security meeting on December 06th, 2016 is provided as part of the meeting handouts.

Updates from Disciplines

- FIRE: John Pond reported the Tech Rescue Team recently completed the structural collapse training at Westover Airforce Base in Chicopee. It was 80 hours of training, as part of collaboration between the Western Mass and Central Mass teams. Raine will attend the steering committee meeting at 10am on October 19, 2016 in Turners Falls, to discuss future trainings. John provided a handout to add to the meeting documents.

- POLICE: John Paciorek suggested everyone attend a training session on the new public records law, due to go into effect on Jan 01, 2017. Police Academy begins on Nov 07, 2016. John expressed his concerns at the Mass Chiefs Executive Board Meeting regarding the number of hours of training required of his police officers. It has become overwhelming with 40hrs of mandatory training, and additional specialized training required throughout the year. He updated the Council on the body camera pilot programs, as of yet the cameras are questionable and the batteries do not last an entire shift.

- EMS: None

- EMD: None

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- PUBLIC HEALTH: Ed Lesko reminded people to get a flu shot, and we still are in mosquito season.
- TRANSPORTATION: None
- DPW: Chris Bouchard is working with public safety to streamline hoisting licenses for public works. There will be an reduction in some of the hours of continuing education training, and public safety are now accepting the waiver for the DOT medical card for CDL Public Safety.
- CORRECTIONS: Tom reported on the challenges of budget cuts and increased required training.
- COMMUNICATIONS: Melissa Nazzaro is attending the APCO Conference this morning.
- HOSPITALS: None
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Carolyn Shores Ness raised concerns regarding the reduced level of state funding available to local municipalities.
- Massachusetts State Police (MSP): No updates. Raine Brown noted Paul D'Auteuil informed her he would be unable to attend today's meeting.
- MEMA: Bob Barry stated that MEMA launched the 2016 EMPG grant applications. The quarterly EMD meeting will be held on November 29, 2016, the agenda will be available soon.
- EOPSS: David Cruz reminded the Council of the upcoming Statewide Homeland Security meeting on Dec 6, 2016.

Planning/Pandemic Flu: Raine updated the Council on the FFY15 Projects:

The debris management plan template is in progress, and the family reunification plan is moving along. The MACC Phase IV project will be launched in Hampshire County soon. And we are waiting on the results of the Six Flags AAR to look at the interdisciplinary communications area. Ann Shea is now acting as interim subcommittee chair.

Interoperability/Information Sharing: No updates

Training and Exercises: Tom updated the Council on the recent T&E subcommittee meeting:

There were no funds to vote on today.

We have tabled all requests, and the T&E subcommittee continues to discuss the review process for proposal. We will have more information from the subcommittee at the next meeting. Raine

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will represent the T&E subcommittee as the Statewide Training and Exercise committee. Tom will act as alternate as needed.

Equipment/PPE: No new projects

CBRNE/IED: Mark Babineau reported on the email sent by Raine to **Jon Davine** regarding Regional HAZMAT Training, as the team needs additional training due to recent turnover. Raine suggested they send their request in soon, as FFY15 funds end in July 2017.

Fiduciary Report:

Raine reported all FFY15 projects are on target and does not foresee any problems meeting our goals. The Interoperability Subcommittee cancelled some of the FFY15 projects, and the subcommittee will discuss the reallocation of funds at their meeting later today. The Hampshire Hills 800 project could be completed with the FFY15 funds available.

The FFY16 is contracted and the funds are now available. Raine will bring projects lists to all the subcommittees to further the develop the projects for implementation. EOPSS has announced the FFY17 investment time period has changed; our investment plan will be due in Jan/Feb 2017 instead of in July 2017.

We need to start discussing FFY17 funds and future projects we want to engage in over the next 2-3 years. Funding will probably be level funded, and we are not sure what percentage will be competitive, if any. Raine requested guidance from EOPSS on the application process, David Cruz will provide information. Raine is concerned about the competitive process, as the current experience demonstrated a great deal of extra work for little change in outcome. She would like to see the Council receive the allocated amount without the additional application process.

Old Business

Tom updated the Council on the discussion regarding filling Linda Moriarty's seat as the EMS Representative. Tom will attend the regional EMS meeting on 10/20, and hopes to have at least two candidates from Western Mass presented to the Council at our next meeting, and to present to EOPSS for approval. Lisa Herringshaw will fill the seat in the interim as a non-voting member, per EOPSS guidance.

New Business

Ed Lesko submitted his resignation due to health reasons. He expressed his gratitude on serving on the subcommittee. Tom thanked Ed for his knowledge and dedication to his community. His resignation will be effective once a replacement is fully appointed by EOPSS . The Western Mass Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Group voted unanimously for Jeanne Galloway to represent Public Health on the Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council, and Nicole Zabko to act as the alternate voting member.

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| Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented. John Paciorek seconded. Motion passed unanimously. |
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As already discussed the State Homeland Security Conference will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

The Planning and Pan Flu subcommittee meeting is rescheduled for 2pm, December 07, 2016 at the DPH building as usual, to allow members to attend the Dec 06, 2016 meeting.

Business Unforeseen by Chair: None

Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next Council meeting will be on November 15, 2016 at 10:00am at WHEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton

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| Motion: Tom Grady made a motion to adjourn. John Paciorek seconded. Motion passed unanimously. |
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The meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.

List of Documents Reviewed at the Meeting

- WRHSAC Council Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2016
- WRHSAC Fiduciary Report: FFY 15 Homeland Security Grant, 10/18/2016
- WRHSAC FFY2016 Investment Plan Budget
- Letter of Resignation from Edward Lesko
- Jeanne Galloway Rèsùmè
- Nicole Zabko Letter of Recommendation
- Letter of Recommendation from Michael Nelson/MDPH
- Mass Statewide Homeland Security Meeting Flyer
- Update from John Pond on TRT – Structural Collapse Training

Respectfully Submitted by
Ann Dunne
Franklin Regional Council of Governments