

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 15, 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), Monica Wynne (Baystate MC), Ann Dunne (FRCOG), Ed Lesko (HPHPC), Jeanne Galloway (WSHCHC), Bob Hassett (Springfield EMD), Michael Nelson (DPH), John Paciorek (WMPCA), Amy Reilly (MAPC), Gail Bienvenue (MDPH), Melissa Nazarro (Springfield Dispatch), Lisa Herringshaw (WMEMS), Jamin Carroll (PVTA)

This meeting is audio recorded.

The meeting was brought to order at 10:06 am by Thomas Grady, Council Chair.

Approval of Minutes

The Council reviewed the minutes from the October 18, 2016 meeting.

<p>Motion: John Paciorek moved to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2016 meeting. Mark Babineau seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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A round of introductions followed.

Updates from the Chair

Tom participated in a THIRA workshop at Stow, MA. Participants worked in smaller groups; and while the group discussions were good, some topics were more geared towards Eastern Mass. Several sessions took place over a few days at different locations.

On October 18, 2016, Tom attended the IMAT Steering Committee meeting. Based on information received from the DCR Rep, the committee determined three Type 3 IMT Teams are needed in the Commonwealth. The subcommittee will review the SOP by December, and the Steering Committee will reconvene to discuss at their next meeting. MEMA is willing to take the lead on the next steps.

Updates from Disciplines

- FIRE: No updates

- POLICE: John Paciorek expressed concerns about the new law regulating the use of recreational marijuana, medical calls and police calls are expected to increase from impaired driving. Nationally accredited new policies and procedures operations are rolling out across the State, and are free to all police departments. The FBI has moved to a new building in Chelsea, MA and Chief Paciorek has contact details to share if needed. The DA updated their strangulation worksheet. Channel 5 news is asking questions regarding immigration, and are asking law enforcement questions about compliance with possible new immigration and detention laws under the new Presidency. The Chief's position is no action will take place until multiple agencies are on board including the Attorney General's Office and the head of

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the Mass. Chief of Police Association. The Dept. of Justice completed a survey with the Washington Post, and reported the national respect for Police Officers is at a 50 yr. high.

- EMS: Tom noted that Steve Gaughan is interested in filling the vacant Emergency Medical Services seat on the WRHSAC. Steve submitted a letter of interest and his résumé for consideration. WMEMS has put Steve forward as their nomination. The application/recommendation has been forwarded for EOPSS to consider
 - EMD: No updates
 - PUBLIC HEALTH: Ed Lesko reminded people to get a flu shot, and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.
 - TRANSPORTATION: No updates.
 - DPW: No updates
 - CORRECTIONS: Tom has outreached to the newly elected Sheriffs in Hampden and Hampshire County, and invited them to work with the Council.
 - COMMUNICATIONS: Melissa Nazzaro attended the THIRA workshop, it was communication specific. There was good discussion regarding the regional communication systems between the Western and Eastern Mass Regions. Melissa felt Western Mass was well represented. SIEC gave a security briefing and discussed the importance of increasing security. What would our response be if something happened to equipment the Council purchased. The Statewide radio study is moving along, we expect the Consultant's recommendations before the holidays. NextGen 911 update: 13 sites are up and running, with an expected 43 by the end of the year and 80 by the end of 2018. The feedback is positive, and the mapping has improved.
- Tom noted Berkshire County had submitted a proposal under the 911 development grant, to upgrade to the MCC 7550 consoles and the 7100 for the mobile communication center, with the focus of tying back into the Commonwealth system, as Berkshire County has a vested interest in sharing the 800 system. The control of the Statewide 800 Radio system is moving from the Mass State Police to EOPSS, as it is a State funded project.
- HOSPITALS: Raine announced Ann Shea is now a full member of the Council, having been officially appointed by EOPSS.
 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT: No update.
 - Massachusetts State Police (MSP): Paul D'Auteuil (MSP) was unavailable to attend, as he expects to be busy with both Trump and Dakota Pipeline rallies today.
 - MEMA: No updates.

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- EOPSS: No updates

Planning/Pandemic Flu: Ann Shea updated the Council on the various projects of the Planning Pan Flu Subcommittee:

- Family reunification, a project of Children in Disasters, is moving along.
- Debris Management Plan template is being developed.
- We are waiting on a report out from the Inter-Disciplinary/ Jurisdictional Situational Awareness, which is expected following the Six Flags exercise AAR conference
- COAD Long Term Recovery is working on volunteer and donation management.

Ann noted that one of the FFY16 projects is Countering Violent Extremism. The committee has allocated \$55,000 for this, and is also waiting to hear regarding the application to the DHS competitive grant for CVE.

The committee has begun to think about projects for FFY2017.

Ann also announced beginning Jan 03, 2017 the Planning Pan-Flu Meeting will move from 11am to 9am as requested by the WAG, to accommodate their meeting schedules.

Interoperability/Information Sharing: Melissa reported there were no funds to vote on today. They are still waiting on the delivery of the WMLEC trailer. WMRIC is working on identifying projects for leftover FFY15 funds. Nominations to the subcommittee are also taking place this month.

Training and Exercises: Tom reported to the Council that Monica Wynne and Allison Hope are willing to attend the HSEEP Training, and the subcommittee voted to fund the training up to \$1300.00.

<p>Motion: Tom Grady moved to support the funding up to \$1,300.00 for Monica and Allison to attend the HSEEP Training. Motion was seconded by Ed Lesko. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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Tom also updated the Council on the decision of the T&E Subcommittee not to entertain outside requests. Going forward the Council and the subcommittees will decide on the training & exercises to be offered. Tom encouraged all subcommittees to make recommendations to T&E.

Equipment/PPE: No new projects

CBRNE/IED: No updates

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Fiduciary Report:

Raine reported all FFY15 projects are moving along.

We can begin spending FFY16, and should think about the projects we would like to see completed over the next three years as we consider the FFY2017 planning process. We are still waiting on guidance from EOPSS for the FFY17 planning process.

Raine will attend the National Institute of Justice meeting on Dec 5 & 6, 2016 in Washington, DC, focusing on countering violent extremism.

Old Business

WMEMS has put forth Stephen Guaghan as their recommended nominee to the vacant Emergency Medical Services seat on the Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council. Four individuals express interest and WMEMS and Tom feel Steve is the top candidate. Tom noted that EOPSS may recommend their own candidate to fill a Council seat, but will take the West's recommendation under consideration. WMEMS is in the process of accepting applicants for the Executive Director position. The process may take a couple of months.

<p>Motion: John Paciorek made a motion to endorse Stephen Gaughan as the Council's EMS Representative. Ed Lesko seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

Tom reminded the Council of the upcoming Statewide Homeland Security Conference on Dec 06, 2016.

New Business

Tom thanked Lisa Herringshaw on behalf of the Council for stepping in and keeping the WMEMS office running, and expressed his wish she would take the Director position. Although Lisa announced she is not interested in filling this position, she is the contact person until the position is filled.

Amy Reilly reported there are several changes to the Mass State Procurement laws, one of which will benefit the Council. The raised the threshold for a quote to \$50, 000.00 which will help speed up some projects.

The Southeast Council has taken an interest in the "Children in Disasters" project, and are looking at replicating it. Amy will connect the Southeast Council with Raine for further discussion and informational assistance.

Business Unforeseen by Chair:

Tom congratulated Ann Shea on becoming a member of the Council, and thanked everyone for their dedication and great work.

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Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next Council meeting will be on December 20, 2016 at 10:00am at WHEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton

Motion: John Paciorek made a motion to adjourn. Ed Lesko seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
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The meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

List of Documents Reviewed at the Meeting

- WRHSAC Council Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2016
- WRHSAC Fiduciary Report: FFY 15 Homeland Security Grant, 10/18/2016
- WRHSAC FFY2015 Projects worksheet
- Cover letter and résumé from Stephen Gaughan

Respectfully Submitted by
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