

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 10:00am
168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, MA

Present: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Tom Grady (BCSO), Jeanne Galloway (HCHC), John Paciorek (WMPCA), Amy Reilly (MAPC), Melissa Nazzaro (Springfield Comm.), Carolyn Shores-Ness (Deerfield BOS/BOH), Tracy Rogers (FRCOG), Mark Babineau (WMFCA), Stephen Gaughan (EMS Rep/Hatfield FD), Chris Bouchard (Beckett Highway), Michael Nelson (MDPH), Dennis Annear (NWMIMT), Bob Hassett (Springfield CMED), Paul D'Auteuil (MSP) Jamin Carroll (PVTA), Sandra Martin (BCBOHA), John Pond (WMFCA), Greg Lewis (FRCOG), Nick DaDalt (EOPSS), Ann Dunne (FRCOG)

This meeting is audio recorded.

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

Approval of Minutes

The Council reviewed the minutes from the February 21, 2017 meeting.

<p>Motion: John Paciorek moved to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2017 meeting. Carolyn Shores-Ness seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

A round of introductions followed.

Updates from the Chair

Tom Grady noted the transition of staff at EOPSS, an acknowledged the level of openness and communication from Assistant Undersecretary Olsen's Office during this process. Victoria Grafflin has moved on, and Nick DaDalt was welcomed as EOPSS representative to the Council. Homeland Security is now its own division, and is no longer part of the Office of Grants & Research.

Updates from Disciplines

- FIRE: No updates.
- POLICE: No updates.
- EMS: Stephen Gaughan announced that Region 1 will announce the new Executive Director in the coming week, and the Region is reviewing some of the MCI plans.
- EMD: Bob Hassett noted that TIER II should be submitted, and to check with the local fire department to confirm, especially if the town has any storage or chemical activities. CERT grants are available, every community receives \$1,000.00, and can start spending on July 01.
- PUBLIC HEALTH: Jeanne Galloway noted public health is preparing for the upcoming mosquito season.
- TRANSPORTATION: Jamin Carroll noted they are looking forward to spring.

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- DPW: Chris Bouchard reported the sad news of a Longmeadow DPW worker who was killed in an accident during a recent snowstorm.
- CORRECTIONS: No updates.
- COMMUNICATIONS: No updates.
- HOSPITALS: No updates. Ann Shea was unable to attend.
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Carolyn Shore Ness noted that people are aware of the Debris Management Template.
- Massachusetts State Police (MSP): Paul D’Auteuil noted the Holyoke Parade was very successful.
- MEMA: No updates.
- EOPSS: Nick DaDalt introduced himself as the new EOPSS representative to the WRHSAC. The FFY17 grant state share program is available to view on the State website. Nick is grateful to the Council for their patience during EOPSS’s move to Natick.
- **Planning/Pandemic Flu:** Raine provided the update on Ann Shea’s behalf. She asked the Council to approve the recent vote of the subcommittee to offer a public outreach program to promote the use of the Debris Management Plan template.

Motion: Melissa Nazzaro moved to approve \$5,000.00 transferred from FFY15 Inter-Disciplinary/Jurisdictional Situational Awareness funds to provide outreach for the Debris Management Template. Carolyn Shores-Ness seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The subcommittee’s FFY15 projects are wrapping up in the next few months. FFY16 projects are beginning to take shape. The MACC Phase V project in Hampden County will begin with a survey to establish the feasibility of proceeding with the project.

Interoperability/Information Sharing: Melissa Nazzaro reported that the final phase of the Hampshire Hills 800 project is underway.

Training and Exercises: Tom reported on the following projects which are allocated from FFY15 funds:

- a. Pediatric Psychological First Aid - \$16,000.00 – waiting approval from EOPSS
- b. TEEEX Wide Area Search & Rescue- \$15,000.00 – June 06-8, 2017- approved by EOPSS
- c. Tourniquet/ Stop the Bleed Training - \$23,200.00 – approved by EOPSS
- d. Warm Zone Rescue / Triage Training - \$12,140.00 – approved by EOPSS

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And from FFY16 funds: TEEX ECO Operations and Planning will take place on Sept. 18 -20, 2017, and will be held at the Transit Center, Greenfield, on Sept. 18-20, 2017.

Tom asked for a motion to approve the funding for NWMIMT Position Specific Training.

Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness moved to allocate \$5,460.00 from FFY15 funds to provide Position Specific Training for NWMIMT members. John Paciorek seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom noted he attended a tabletop discussion at Williams College, and the facilitator was very impressed with the training and work of the subcommittees in our region.

Equipment/PPE: No updates

CBRNE/IED: No updates

Fiduciary Report: Raine reported there may be some funds left over from FFY15 to be used towards the purchase of equipment before the end of July 2017.

Amy Reilly shared a school safety resource guide developed by The Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC). The NEMLEC STARS Toolkit is a resource designed to assist school districts and their communities with crisis planning and preparedness. It contains samples and templates that can be used to jump-start or update an existing community's school preparedness program, as well as provides essential guidelines during a critical incident. The guide is available at starstoolkit.org.

Tom noted that Amy is great at communicating and keeps him up to date on activities and programs.

Old Business:

FFY2017 Investment Plan: Raine presented the FFY2017 Investment Plan for Council review and feedback. Raine plans to submit the plan to EOPSS by the end of the week, so if anyone has edits to please send them along in the next couple of days.

The secondary projects based on FFY16 plan are listed below, and are spend down areas based on funding.

- a. Tech Rescue Equipment.
- b. Mass Care Supplies.
- c. Search & Rescue Equipment.
- d. Interoperability Equipment.
- e. Multi-Agency Coordinating Center Equipment.

Raine asked the Council to approve the FFY2017 Investment Plan.

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Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness moved to approve the WRHSAC FFY2017 Investment Plan as presented. Mark Babineau seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Jeanne Galloway commented on the success of the Hampden County Health Coalition emergency dispatching drill held in Holyoke, and the cooperation between the emergency services. It was a very successful multi-discipline training exercise.

A discussion followed regarding the systemic problem of recruiting sufficient emergency personnel to manage the increase demand on emergency services. It is recognized as a growing problem throughout the region, a possible solution is to develop partnerships with the local schools. Western Mass EMS is seeking to address this concern by looking at a plan to manage daily business not just during a major emergency. It was suggested that the Council support a public outreach project in the future to support recruiting first responders.

Raine noted the TEEEX EOC Training date is September 18-20, 2017, and asked the Council members to consider moving their regular September meeting to September 12 to avoid a conflict. Tom asked the members to review their calendars for further discussion next month.

Business Unforeseen by Chair: None

Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next Council meeting will be on April 18, 2017 at 10:00am at WMEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton.

Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness made a motion to adjourn. John Paciorek seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:49am.

List of Documents Reviewed at the Meeting

- WRHSAC Council Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2017
- WRHSAC Fiduciary Report: FFY 15 Homeland Security Grant, 3/17/2017
- WRHSAC Fiduciary Report: FFY 16 Homeland Security Grant, 3/17/2017- Tech Rescue Training and Technical Rescue
- WRHSAC FFY2016 Investment Plan.
- WRHSAC FFY2017 Investment Plan

Respectfully Submitted by
Ann Dunne - Franklin Regional Council of Governments