

Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 10:00am
168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, MA

Present: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Tom Grady (BCSO), Jeanne Galloway (HCHC), Melissa Nazzaro (Springfield Comm.), Carolyn Shores-Ness (Deerfield BOS/BOH), Mark Babineau (WMFCA), Chris Bouchard (Beckett Highway), Dennis Annear (NWMIMT), Bob Hassett (Springfield CMED), Jamin Carroll (PVTA), Sandra Martin (BCBOHA), Nick DaDalt (EOPSS), John Dearborn (WMFCA), Paul Morrisette (WMFCA), Bob Barry (MEMA), Ann Shea (MMC), John Paciorek (WMPCA), Monica Wynne (Baystate Health), John Pond (WMFCA), Michael Nelson (MDPH), Stephen Gaughan (EMS Rep/Hatfield FD), Stephen Kozloski (WMLEC), Ann Dunne (FRCOG)

This meeting is audio recorded.

The meeting was brought to order at 10:02 am by Thomas Grady, Council Chair.

Approval of Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the April 18, 2017 meeting.

<p>Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to approve the April 18, 2017 meeting minutes. John Paciorek seconded.</p>

A round of introductions followed.

Updates from the Chair - Tom Grady asked the Council members on behalf of Amy Reilly (MAPC) to complete the survey recently emailed by Amy.

Updates from Disciplines

- FIRE: John Pond announced the Department of Fire Services is holding a trench rescue class in June at Westfield Rd, Water Treatment Plant in Holyoke. Mark Babineau announced the Governor approved the new Council members: Chief John Dearborn/Longmeadow will replace Chief Nothe (retired), and Chief Paul Morrisette/East Longmeadow replaces Chief Babineau (retires this week).

Tom Grady thanked Mark for his service on the Council, and for his work as Chair of CBRNE. The Council wished him well in retirement. Mark acknowledged the positive cooperation and relationships between the disciplines.

- POLICE: No updates.
- EMS: Stephen Gaughan announced that Deborah Clapp was appointed the new Executive Director of WMEMS. Stephen will attend the WMRIC meeting in the afternoon, with a view to becoming the EMS. Rep on the subcommittee.
- EMD: Bob Hassett reported on the following upcoming exercises: Active Shooter tabletop exercise at Baystate on May 18, 2017, followed by a fullscale exercise in June. Barnes

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International Air Show is holding a fullscale exercise on May 24, 2017. Bob also gave an update on the hurricane season, with an average season predicted. The WMLEC trailer will be on view at the Springfield LEPC meeting on Friday, May 19, 2017.

- PUBLIC HEALTH: Jeanne Galloway updated the Council on the activities of the WMPH advisory group. The Mosquito Control District will provide resources to the Pioneer Valley to monitor mosquito control. We are in tick season, and most of Massachusetts is no longer in a drought.
- TRANSPORTATION: No updates
- DPW: Chris Bouchard noted the loss of a MASSDOT employee. There is a round of culvert funding available now, and the small bridge grants will be available in October 2017.
- CORRECTIONS: No updates.
- COMMUNICATIONS: Melissa Nazzaro reported that AXIA Networks, the operator of MBI has filed for bankruptcy. Interviews to fill the SWIC position will take place in the next few weeks. Melissa also updated the Council on radio encryption and compliance. The NextGen 911 product scheduled for the ACD sites is ongoing.
- HOSPITALS: Ann Shea reported on the participation of many hospitals in the Baystate and Barnes full-scale exercises. The ASPR grant funding will be reduced over the next five years, and migrate over to support the Region 1 HMCC. Ann asked the Council to include the hospitals in their community wide exercises, as this helps maintain compliance and to keep their Medicare/Medicaid funding.
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Carolyn Shores Ness shared the Municipal Guide for Flood Emergencies with the Council, prepared by the Franklin Conservation District. The guide is designed as a resource for resilient communities along the Deerfield Watershed.
- Massachusetts State Police (MSP): No updates.
- MEMA: Bob Barry noted that MEMA has established quarterly meetings with Region 3 & Region 4 area Colleges to develop a relationship and to keep the College EMD up to date on emergency planning. Bob noted that Team Rubicon (a large national non-profit group) helped with debris cleanup on private properties in Conway after the tornado. The Team will speak at the EMD meeting on June 19, 2017 to explain the activation process.
- EOPSS: Nick DaDalt reported they are still waiting on an announcement from the Federal Government on the FFY2017 grant funding. The Manager of the Homeland Security Division has not started yet. Nick advised the Council to follow the bylaws when appointing a proxy designee.

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Planning/Pandemic Flu: Ann Shea updated the Council on FFY15 projects, and announced the family reunification training sessions scheduled to take place in October at Williams College, Springfield College and UMASS. The subcommittee moved the July meeting to July 11, 2017 because of the 4th of July holiday, and agreed to cancel the August meeting.

Interoperability/Information Sharing: Melissa Nazzaro noted the WMLEC trailer is repaired and is available for deployment throughout the region. SIEC approved the purchase of the communication equipment to enhance the communication gaps in the WMLEC system.

Training and Exercises: Tom noted there are several upcoming trainings to be viewed on the WRHSAC website, and asked Council members to share this information with their various disciplines.

The Council voted on the following projects:

Operational ICS Training:

Motion: John Paciorek moved to approve up to \$15,000.00 to develop an RFP for Operational ICS Training. Carolyn Shores Ness seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mental Health First Aid Training:

Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness moved to approve up to \$6,000.00 to provide two training sessions in the fall. Stephen Gaughan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Reunification Training:

Motion: John Paciorek moved to approve additional funding up to \$25,000.00 to cover two additional sessions the Reunification Training. Melissa Nazzaro seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Active Shooter Symposium follow up:

Motion: John Paciorek moved to approve one training session at \$39,000.00 for up to 600 participants. Carolyn Shores Ness seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Tom asked the Council to think about exercises for future years, as the T&E subcommittee is preparing a list.

FFY15 T&E:

Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness moved that the Council accept the balance of FFY15 funds from the T&E subcommittee. John Paciorek seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The T&E subcommittee has decided to defer the August meeting, and to move the Sept. 19 meeting to Sept. 12, 2017. The Council will hold their meeting on Sept.12 also.

CBRNE/IED:

Mark Babineau asked the Council to consider approving Chief Dearborn as his replacement as the Chair of the CBRNE committee.

Motion: Mark Babineau moved to approve Chief Dearborn as Chair of the CBRNE committee. Stephen Gaughan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Equipment/PPE: No updates

Fiduciary Report: Raine noted the FFY15 remaining funds are \$30,000.00 approx. The funds need to be spent by the end of July 2017.

Bob Hassett proposed the purchase of two additional hydration-misting tents to benefit Hampshire County and Franklin County.

Stephen Gaughan discussed the replacement of the fit tester for Hampshire County at a cost of \$14670.00.

Melissa Nazzaro noted they are unable to fund the radios appropriately, and the money was turned back to the Council.

Mark Babineau asked about using funds to purchase tech rescue equipment.

Tom Grady asked for the following motions:

Purchase of the hydration tent misters:

Motion: Bob Hassett moved to approve \$11,000.00 from FFY15 funds to purchase two hydration-misting tents. John Dearborn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The tent misters will be located in Franklin and Hampshire County.

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Purchase of the Fit Tester:

Motion: Stephen Gaughan moved to approve up to \$15,000.00 from FFY15 funds to purchase a fit tester. John Paciorek seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

For a spending total of \$26,000.00.

Tech Rescue Equipment:

Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness moved to spend the remaining FFY15 funds on tech rescue equipment. Stephen Gaughan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

FFY 16 projects are moving along.

Old Business:

September 2017 Meetings:

Tom noted the subcommittees agreed to hold their September meetings on Sept. 12. WMRIC will also hold their meeting on Sept. 12 also. The meetings will take place at DPH, 23 Service Center Road, Northampton, MA.

New Business: John Paciorek noted that by July 1, 2018 all schools are required to have defibrillators, and he is working with his regional school district.

Business Unforeseen by Chair: None

Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next Council meeting will be on June 20, 2017 at 10:00am at WMEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton.

Motion: John Paciorek made a motion to adjourn. Stephen Gaughan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

List of Documents Reviewed at the Meeting

- WRHSAC Council Meeting Minutes from April 18, 2017
- WRHSAC Fiduciary Report: FFY 15 Homeland Security Grant, 5/16/2017
- WRHSAC Projects Report: FFY15 Homeland Security Grant , 5/12/2017
- WRHSAC Projects Report: FFY 16 Homeland Security Grant, 5/12/2017

Respectfully Submitted by
Ann Dunne, Franklin Regional Council of Governments