

Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council
Planning / Pan Flu Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2017 9:00 am
DPH, 23 Service Center Road, Northampton, Ma

Present: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Ann Shea (Mercy Medical), Jeanne Galloway (HCHC), Larry Holmberg (HREPC), Monica Wynne (Baystate Health), Stephanie Bozigian-Merrick (PVPC), Allison Hope (BCBOHA), Pat Smith (FRCOG), Carolyn Shores-Ness (Deerfield BOS/BOH), Kelly Constantine (HCPHC), Ann Dunne (FRCOG)

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Ann Shea called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the May 02, 2017 meeting.

Motion: Jeanne Galloway motioned to approve the May 02, 2017 meeting minutes. Larry Holmberg seconded.

A round of introductions followed.

FFY 2015 Project

Debris Management Template

Allison reported the BRPC on behalf of WRHSAC will conduct four (4) Debris Management Plan Template outreach sessions in western Massachusetts. Each session will be two (2) hours in length, and will include the PowerPoint presentation and video.

****Children in Disasters - Family Reunification:*** report on page two
Moved to allow Pat Smith to present her update.

FFY2016 Projects:

Children in Disasters Phase III - \$60,000.00

Raine presented the draft scope of work for the subcommittee to review.

Motion: Larry Holmberg motioned to accept the scope of work as written. Jeanne Galloway seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed that Raine negotiates the contracts with the RPA's to create the MOU's. Raine will complete a project justification and submit for EOPSS approval.

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***FFY 2015 Project**

Children in Disasters - Family Reunification:

Pat Smith incorporated the “I Love you Guys Foundation” parent/guardian handout, within the template format, and presented a copy of the handout to the subcommittee for review. It was agreed to include a secondary site for reunification into the plan, as an alternate if needed. The forms and formatting are completed, and Pat will have the final draft ready for review at the July meeting.

Raine updated the subcommittee on the following Reunification Training sessions, approved by the T&E subcommittee and by EOPSS.

- Wednesday , October 25 at Springfield College
- Thursday, October 26 at Williams College
- Friday, October 27 at UMASS Amherst

Raine is writing the scope of work, and the “I love You Guys Foundation” will incorporate the template in their presentation. Raine noted that RPA participation in at least one of the sessions will be a component of the next phase of the Family Reunification work. A focus of their attendance will be to determine the success of the training as outreach and the need, if any, for additional outreach/education on the template.

FFY2016 Projects:

Countering Violent Extremism - \$55,000.00

Raine presented the summary of ideas from the recent working group meeting, focused on developing a campaign to raise awareness and education about signs of violent extremism, similar to campaigns that were developed to raise aware of violence against children. Raine shared the summary with Brandy Donini-Melanson at the US Attorney General’s Office to get her opinion and to learn if there are other similar programs the subcommittee can model. Brandy advised the group not to use this approach, as there are no consistent signs regarding who may be leaning towards an act of violent extremism. After a lengthy discussion, the subcommittee agreed to discontinue this project.

Motion: Larry Holmberg motioned to discontinue any work on the CVE project. Carolyn Shores Ness seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Raine reminded the RPAs to be aware of a potential conflict of interest when working on some of the subcommittee projects and clarified the subcommittee-voting members currently present as Ann Shea, Monica Wynne, Carolyn Shores Ness, Jeanne Galloway, Mary Kersell, Larry Holmberg and Kelly Constantine.

The subcommittee discussed several alternate projects; the \$55,000.00 must be allocated and spent by July 2018. Raine suggested moving one of the FFY17 projects forward such as Infrastructure Visualization, or Cyber Security which was dropped from the FFY17 plan. Discussion then moved to trainings to prevent and deter violence. Some ideas included Active Bystander and Crisis Prevention and Intervention training (CPI) as used by security at many hospitals. The committee asked Raine to conduct further research on the discussed training topics.

Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to enable Raine to research the CPI module and the Active Bystander program. Jeanne Galloway seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MACC Phase V- Hampden County - \$50,000.00

Raine reported the contract is with PVPC to conduct the survey to determine if a MACC is of interest in Hampden County. Sherriff Cocchi is also interested in establishing a regional EOC MACC for Hampden County, offering his office as a possible MACC location. Todd Zukowski (PVPC) drafted a letter to introduce the idea of a MACC collaboration between WRHSAC and the Sheriff's Office, as part of the survey to determine interest in the community. PVPC will continue with the survey in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office.

FFY2017 Investment Plan

Raine is waiting on an update from EOPSS regarding funding.

Requests

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

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Items unforeseen by the chair

None

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 9:00 am at PVPC, 60 Congress Street, Springfield, MA.

There being no further business Ann Shea motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jeanne Galloway seconded. Voted was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21am

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ann Dunne ,

Franklin Regional Council of Governments