

Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council
Planning / Pan Flu Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, September 05, 2017 9:00 am
DPH, Service Center Road, Northampton, MA

Present: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Ann Shea (Mercy Medical), Jeanne Galloway (HCHC), Larry Holmberg (HREPC), Stephanie Bozigian-Merrick (PVPC), Allison Hope (BCBOHA), Pat Smith (FRCOG), Nick DaDalt (EOPSS), Tracy Rogers (FRCOG), Todd Zukowski (PVPC), Monica Wynne (Baystate Health), Mark Maloni (FRCOG), Mary Kersell (HCPHC), Michael Nelson (MDPH), Ann Dunne (FRCOG)

This meeting is audio recorded.

Ann Shea called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the July 11, 2017 meeting.

<p>Motion: Larry Holmberg motioned to approve the July 11, 2017 meeting minutes. Tracy Rogers seconded. Motion passed by a majority vote. One abstention.</p>
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A round of introductions followed.

FFY15 Project wrap up *(not on the Agenda)*

Allison Hope updated the subcommittee on the debris management template training sessions. Overall, the training was well received, with positive feedback and requests for copies of the plan.

Raine Brown noted that MEMA is hosting the All Hazards Conference on November 1 & 2 at the DCU Center, Worcester, MA. MEMA requested presentation materials, and Raine submitted the debris management plan and the family reunification plan for consideration. MEMA liked the debris management plan and would like to expand on the topic through a panel discussion. MEMA has asked Raine if she would facilitate the panel discussion on “the debris lifecycle”. Raine has agreed.

FFY16 Projects

Family Reunification Phase II

Pat Smith updated the forms and appendices as discussed at the July meeting, and the “I Love You Guys Foundation” will incorporate the template into their training session in October. Registration for the October Family Reunification Training will be open this week, each training session can accommodate up to 100 participants.

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Countering Violent Extremism - \$40,000.00

The subcommittee reviewed the memo prepared by Raine, to transfer the remaining FFY2016 CVE allocated funds of \$40,000.00 to the T&E subcommittee. The subcommittee agreed to return the \$40,000.00 to the T&E subcommittee to host violence intervention training. After a short discussion the subcommittee made the following motion.

Motion: Jeanne Galloway motioned to transfer the FFY16 CVE funds of \$40,000.00 to the T&E subcommittee. Tracy Rogers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MACC Phase V- Hampden County - \$55,000.00

Todd Zukowski reported that the survey questions are completed and sent to the Council and the Sheriff's Office for review. Raine prepared the final letter to accompany the survey, and is waiting on the Sheriff's Office to sign before the survey is distributed.

Budget Review

Raine reported that most of the funds are now allocated. There is \$5,000.00 left from the Regional Sheltering project to be allocated in the future.

Requests

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Items unforeseen by the chair

Allison Hope presented her handout on Managing Medications and Addictions in shelters as a gap that has been identified by planners and professionals in the mental health field. It was noted by the subcommittee that the Regional Shelter Plan has an addendum covering getting medication to shelters. While the question is part of the intake protocol at shelters, there is no plan in place to address substance abuse disorders. Individuals needing addiction treatment are transported to the local hospitals. It was suggested that agencies develop relationships with the MRC Units, to become aware of any resources available.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 03, 2017, 9:00 am at DPH, 23 Service Center Road, Northampton, MA.

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

The meeting adjourned at 09:54 AM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ann Dunne, Franklin Regional Council of Governments