

Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council
Planning / Pan Flu Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, October 02, 2018 9:30 am
DPH, Service Center Road, Northampton, MA

Present: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Ann Shea (Mercy Medical), Larry Holmberg (HREPC), Monica Wynne (Baystate Health), Pat Smith (FRCOG), Todd Zukowski (PVPC), Mark Maloni (HMCC/FRCOG), Allison Egan (BRPC), Jeanne Galloway (HCHC), Gail Bienvenue (MDPH), Nick DaDalt (EOPSS), Stephanie Bozigian-Merrick (PVPC), Lauren Davine (HPHPC), Ann Dunne (FRCOG)

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Ann Shea called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the September 4, 2018 meeting.

<p>Motion: Monica Wynne motioned to approve the September 4, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Mark Maloni seconded. One abstention. Motion passed by a majority.</p>

A round of introductions followed.

Public Health Update:

Jeanne noted that flu clinics are scheduled throughout the area.

FFY16 Projects

Family Reunification Phase II- Adobe Captivate Software

The RPA's continue to add content to the training module outline, and BRPC began building the introductory module on Captivate.

FFY17 Projects -

Children in Disasters Phase IV – Pediatric Surge Plan- \$50,000.00

Raine reported that Tracy Rogers continues to research online resources and templates available across the country.

Functional/Access Needs Daily Response Planning- \$92,000.00

The subcommittee reviewed the potential FNSS list of partner agencies, and discussed the organizations to target.

After a lengthy discussion, the working group agreed to meet to develop the survey further, and to finalize the outreach strategy to the identified advocacy groups.

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Allison will research the capabilities of survey monkey to share the data results between the RPA's.

Infrastructure Visualization- \$50,000.00

Raine reported on WRHSAC's feedback regarding the infrastructure visualization project. Many at the meeting discussed how they preferred hard copy maps when in the field since data connectivity can be a challenge. Many thought that while it sounded like a good idea, that it would be underutilized. The subcommittee further discussed the additional challenges around storage, access and maintenance, and decided to no longer proceed with this project.

Jeanne made the following motion:

Jeanne Galloway moved to end the Infrastructure Visualization project. Monica Wynne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A lengthy discussion followed to identify another project to allocate the \$50,000.00. Raine outlined the investment plan secondary projects, and suggested moving a FFY18 project forward. Raine noted the time constraints to get a new project approved and completed by the July 2019 deadline. Allison discussed creating an infectious disease response plan for western mass based on an existing plan from the National Association of City & County Officials, Ohio. After in-depth discussion the subcommittee agreed to adapt the plan to create a training module and informational symposium for first responders on emerging infectious diseases.

Jeanne Galloway motioned to adapt the plan as an emerging infectious disease awareness project, followed by a regional informational symposium with practical training modules for first responders. Larry Holmberg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Raine informed the committee that the proposal will need to go to the Council for final approval.

Budget Review

Raine noted the FFY16 projects are on target to be spent down.

The FFY17 projects are underway. MAPC should approve the FFY18 investment plan by January 2019.

Requests

None

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Old Business

None

New Business

None

Items unforeseen by the chair

None

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 06, 2018, 9:30 am at DPH, 23 Service Center Road, Northampton.

There being no further business, Jeanne Galloway motioned to adjourn the meeting. Larry Holmberg seconded. Voted was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ann Dunne, Franklin Regional Council of Governments