

**Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council
Training and Exercise Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2015, 9:30 am
WMEMS, 168 Industrial Drive, Northampton, Ma.**

Present: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG), Tom Grady (BCSO), Sandra Martin (BCBOHA), Bob Barry (MEMA), Carolyn Shores Ness (BOS/BOH), David Cruz (EOPSS), Linda Moriarty (WMEMS), Tom Lynch (BMC), Tracy Rogers (FRCOG), Gail Beinvenue (MDPH), Ed Lesko (HCHPC), Jeanne Galloway (HCHC), Ann Shea (MMC), Dennis Annear (NWMIMT).

Chairman Tom Grady brought the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the July 21, 2015 meeting.

<p>Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to approve the minutes from July 21, 2015. Bob Barry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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A round of introductions followed.

FFY14 T&E Projects

Emergency Management Preparedness

Crime Scene Preservation

Raine Brown stated that one of the trainings is happening today. There will be one training offered in each County. The trainings have been well received.

FCSRT Basic and Specialized SWAT Training

Raine stated that this has been a challenging project. FCSRT Team is still getting organized and have needed to postpone trainings. There have been several trainings that have been approved but the team were not able to send anyone. Raine is going to meet with the Team and discuss the budget and the remaining timeframe. It is likely that they will need to return some of the funding.

Rapid Medical Response Training

Raine said that the RFQ was due today. The course will be held in November in Hampden County. Raine will coordinate with Tom to schedule the training in Berkshire.

CBRNE/WMD

Franklin County MCI

Tracy Rogers announced that the training scenario will be an overturned railcar. The training was originally schedule for October but due to coordinating challenges with the railway, the training will occur in the spring. Linda Moriarty asked if the training will involve DPH. Tracy replied that DPH staff is welcome to come to the planning sessions but that the training is not

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going to be extensive enough to involve hospitals. The scenario will only be activities on site from extricating the casualties and placing them in an ambulance. Discussion followed.

Hazmat Emerging Trends for Public Health

Raine stated that she set up the contract. Jon Davine will be the consultant handling the training. There will be one training in each county.

Mass Care Services

Mass Care Training Needs Survey

Raine stated that survey project is under review at EOPSS.

Budget Review

Raine stated that FFY13 projects were completed. The funds were spent down completely. There have been a few FFY14 trainings that have finished under budget. Raine reviewed the remaining FFY14 funds.

Old Business

Review FFY15 Final Budget

Raine reviewed the FFY15 investment plan budget that was included in the meeting packet.

New Business

NWMIMT Position Specific Training NY Wildfire Academy

Tracy thanked the Subcommittee for their support of the NWMIMT for past trainings and equipment. She explained that the current proposal is to send up to twelve people to the NY Wildfire Academy for position specific training in late October. There have been a number of new recruits since the Bedford deployment last February. Raine suggested listening to all of the requests prior to voting.

Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteer Training

Sandra Martin stated that the Planning Subcommittee has been discussing a training that would support Masscare Services and a training on spontaneous unaffiliated volunteers was proposed. The Shelter Plans are not ready to be exercised yet. Spontaneous unaffiliated volunteers was identified as a gap in the Anti-Terrorism AAR. The Health Coalitions created a Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteer management plan but it has not been trained on yet. The plan will need to be updated to reflect the WRHSAC regional shelter plans, the MACC project and the COAD project. Sandra suggested a training be held in each county. It could be conducted by an RPA or an outside consultant. Raine suggested conducting the trainings at existing meetings for REPC's, EMD's, etc.

Linda Moriarty proposed offering the Medical Management TEEX training again for \$4,000.

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Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to approve \$17,259 to send 12 NWMIMT members to the NY Wildfire Academy trainings. Ed Lesko seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to approve \$4,000 for the Medical Management training offered by TEEEX. Tom Lynch seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to approve \$44,000 to develop and offer a Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteer training at existing meetings. Ed Lesko seconded. Sandra Martin abstained. Motion passed.

Carolyn suggested a training for the school resource officers. Bob Hassett stated that the State just received a grant to train resource officers. There will be a 2-day training in Holyoke. Dennis Annear stated that a training was held at the Franklin County Technical School. A training will be held in each county. Pat Carnevale stated that a subsequent training would be great to build on the foundation of the first training.

Business Unforeseen by the Chair

No business unforeseen was discussed.

Next Steps/Future Meetings

The next meeting will be October 20, 2015 at 9:30 am.

There being no further business Linda Moriarty motioned to adjourn. Tom Lynch seconded. Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
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