

Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council
Planning / Pan Flu Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 11:00 am
DPH, 23 Center Road, Northampton, Ma

Present: Susan Brown (FRCOG); Gretchen Johnson (FRCOG); Larry Holmberg (HREPC); Tracy Rogers (FRCOG), Josiah Neiderbach (PVPC), Pat Smith (FRCOG), Josh Shanley (NEM), Linda Moriarty (WMEMS), Tom Grady (BCSO), Ed Lesko (DBOH), Lindsey Errichetto (BRPC), Ann Shea (MMC), Kathy Freeman (MSP), Robert Sojka (MSP), Carolyn Shores Ness (DBOS/BOH), Don Snyder (MDPH), Cheryl Clayton (ARC).

Linda Moriarty called the meeting called to order at 11:04 am. Linda reviewed the room use and parking policies at DPH.

Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the April 2, 2013 meeting.

<p>Motion: Larry Holmberg motioned to approve the April 2, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. Tracy Rogers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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A round of introductions followed.

ACAMS Discussion with Fusion Center

Sue asked the MSP to attend to get input on the critical infrastructure project. She stated that it is understood by the committee that ACAMS system is being phased out. It was originally proposed as part of the Critical Infrastructure project to train first responders to use ACAMS as a tool to keep the project sustainable. Robert stated that the main goal of the fusion center is to provide information in the field. ACAMS is a web based tool that can be accessed from anywhere. Robert stated that he has advocated for schools to be identified as a critical infrastructure. Carolyn stated that culverts are also critical in real world events. Robert stated that the ACAMS system is flexible and customizable. The user accounts and training are offered at no cost.

Robert stated that the new system will continue the central themes. The new system is tying multiple systems together. ACAMS is not going away. The interface will broaden the ability of ACAMS. Asset managers are critical to keep the information in the system up to date.

Discussion followed concerning the T&E funding and the deadlines of the funding.

FFY10 Project Updates

Regional Shelter Planning & Implementation

Pat Smith stated that the project is finishing up.

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Sheltering and Equipment

Sue stated that the quotes were due yesterday but there were no responses. Sue stated that she will send the bid to several vendors used in the past. The funding for this project ends on June 30th. The generator requested by Northern Berkshire County was not in compliance. An allowable similar generator was quoted at over \$22,000. One of the difficulties with the sheltering equipment bid is that it includes many small items easily purchased at a pharmacy, yet not easily purchased through a vendor bid. Tom stated that the focus of the Council funding should be on purchasing the larger items. Discussion followed.

FY2010 IRAA SOG & Exercises summit

IRAA

Sue stated that the Whole Community Summit scheduled on May 22nd has over 100 registrants. The SOG & Annex documents are being re-worked to be more user friendly. It is hoped that the documents will begin to be filled out during the event. Many vendors have confirmed for the event. Therapy dogs will be there during the lunch break.

FFY2011 Project Updates

Mass Receiving Planning

Lindsey stated that the draft report is almost done. It will be shared with the RPAs. Data collection will begin over the summer. The project should wrap up in fall.

Regional EOC Planning

Sue stated that the project is going well. The focus group had another meeting with Fortress. Larry stated that the project is evolving and is very pleased with the Consultant. Josh stated that he is impressed with consultant's regional knowledge. It was a productive meeting.

Faith Based Phase III

Sue stated that a summary is in the meeting packet. Tracy stated that a couple of meetings have been held. The meetings focused on building codes for rest centers and over night shelters. Carolyn stated that the meeting she attended was very productive. Tracy stated that Hampshire County does not have an outreach person yet. Mary will do the planning piece. Linda stated that they have 30 days to get someone or take money and allocate to another RPA to do.

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FY2012 Project Updates

VOAD Engagement and Capacity Building

Sue stated that the scope of work for the VOAD project has been revised. A face to face meeting with ARC was not able to be coordinated. It was decided to move forward with the project due to the funding deadline. The Western Region will concentrate on a Regional Western VOAD. The State only wants one or two people from each region to be State VOAD Representatives. The FRCOG will handle the staff support for this project for all four counties. Discussion followed.

Sheltering Equipment

This project was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Sheltering T&E

Sue stated that there is a new proposal in the meeting packet. The Western Massachusetts Public Health Preparedness Coalitions Advisory Group (WAG) and the Western Massachusetts Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Group (MAG) have submitted a proposal to do the shelter training. Sue stated that it is allowable to contract with them directly as with the RPAs since most of them use the RPAs as their fiduciaries. General discussion ensued.

<p>Motion: Josh Shanley motioned to approve the Western Mass Shelter Training proposal as presented. Larry Holmberg seconded. Don Snyder abstained. Motion did not pass. Discussion outlined below.</p>
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Linda stated that she is concerned about their expertise in shelter management. Larry stated that they know the template and plan but he has similar concerns as well. Tom stated that this is not normal procedure for contracts.

Sue stated that she will write a scope of work to seek a vendor and send it out for review.

CI Prioritization Phase IV

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Requests

No requests were presented.

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Old Business

Disaster Recovery FFY2011

Sue stated that there is \$60,000 in FY11 funds for the Disaster Recovery project that was decided not to pursue due to lack of interest from the municipalities. The funds expire on June 30, 2014. Discussion followed.

Motion: Tom Grady motioned to re-allocated the \$60,000 FY2011 Disaster Recovery funding to the Council unallocated funds. Carolyn Shores Ness seconded. Motion passed.

DART/SMART Registration System Request

Sue stated that the discussion had been tabled until the Subcommittee got a sense from the statewide Animal Sheltering group regarding their support for the Rabbit system and if it will be used statewide. It was discussed at a meeting with MEMA. MEMA can not direct DART/SMART teams to use the system. They have seen it and like how works but can't give guarantee that the system will be used by all DARTS in state or by MEMA. Discussion followed.

Motion: Tom Grady motioned to removed the discussion from the agenda. Carolyn Shores Ness seconded. Motion passed. Larry Holmberg abstained.

Items Unforeseen by the Chair

No unforeseen items were discussed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for June 4th at 11:00 am at DPH.

There being no further business Tom Grady motioned to adjourn. Larry Holmberg seconded. Voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
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