

Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council
Planning / Pan Flu Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, October 03, 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), Tracy Rogers (FRCOG), Monica Wynne (Baystate Health), Mark Maloni (FRCOG), Mary Kersell (HCPHC), Carolyn Shores Ness (Deerfield BOH/BOS), JD Hebert (DMH), Ann Dunne (FRCOG)

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Ann Shea called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the Sept 05, 2017 meeting.

<p>Motion: Larry Holmberg motioned to approve the Sept. 05, 2017 meeting minutes. Jeanne Galloway seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

A round of introductions followed.

FFY16 Projects

Family Reunification Phase II

Pat Smith and Raine Brown held a conference call with John Michael Keyes of the “I Love You Guys” Foundation, in preparation for the October trainings. John is very professional, and easily incorporated the family reunification plan into his presentation. There will be a follow up call on October 12, 2017. BRPC prepared a draft abstract, and Pat distributed her video script handout for review and feedback.

Countering Violent Extremism - \$40,000.00

Raine reported the T&E subcommittee accepted the \$40,000.00 transfer of funds. Raine asked the subcommittee to share any training ideas the subcommittee may have.

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

Raine re-sent the letter to the Sheriff’s Officer for his signature, once signed the survey phase of the project will begin. While welcoming the partnership, Raine expressed her concerns about the delay and the remaining time frame left to complete the project.

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Budget Review

Raine reported that while FFY16 funds are allocated, there is \$5,000.00 remaining from the Regional Sheltering Hampden County project. The funds could be used for conference presentations. The State has received the FFY17 funds, and we should receive the contracts by Dec/Jan 2018.

Requests

None

Old Business

None

New Business

a) Government Resources for Houses of Worship & Faith Communities U.S. Attorney's Office. The subcommittee reviewed the draft agenda and program flyer on "A Forum of Learning on Public Safety Crises." DHS, EOPSS and/or the Regional Council Chair will present the workshops. The U.S. Attorney's Office will host a session in western mass in Nov/Dec 2017, and asked for feedback from the subcommittee regarding additional groups to be included.

Items unforeseen by the chair

None

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 9:30 am at DPH, 23 Service Center Road, Northampton, MA.

After a brief discussion it was agreed to move the start time from 9:00am to 9:30am, and Stephanie Bozigian-Merrick agreed to provide a flu update at the next meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 09:34 AM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ann Dunne, Franklin Regional Council of Governments