

Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council
Planning / Pan Flu Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, May 07 2019 9:30 am
DPH, Service Center Road, Northampton, MA

Present: Raine Brown (FRCOG), Jeanne Galloway (HCHC), Todd Zukowski (PVPC), Tracy Rogers (HMCC/FRCOG), Loren Davine (HPHPC), Larry Holmberg (HREPC), Mark Maloni (FRCOG), Chris Goshea (PVPC), Carolyn Shores Ness (Deerfield BOH/BOS), Ann Dunne (FRCOG)

This meeting is audio recorded.

Jeanne Galloway called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the April 02, 2019 meeting.

The minutes were amended to reflect the following corrections:

Functional/Access Needs Daily Response Planning Phase – INR was corrected to I&R

Motion: Larry Holmberg motioned to approve the April 02, 2019 meeting minutes as amended. Tracy Rogers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A round of introductions followed.

Public Health Update: A brief discussion was held regarding the availability of data surrounding flu vaccinations in the region. The measles outbreaks are still a concern.

FFY17 Projects

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

Mark Maloni reviewed the RPA report, and noted that after the gathering of online and local resources they determined that two major local service providers host online I&R services and serve the western region.

- Massachusetts 211 via United Way
- And disability Info.org via the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center at UMASS Medical School.

The links can be uploaded to the WRHSAC website.

Raine noted she is still waiting to hear from MAPC & EOPSS regarding an FFY17 extension. The next step is a conference call with the RPA's to discuss a seminar and workshop series to be held in fall 2019. Raine will initiate.

FFY18 Projects

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

The project is currently on hold and will resume in July. Tasks will likely be completed by October 2019.

Cybersecurity Planning - \$40,000.00

Raine reviewed the proposal with the committee. There are 10 municipalities interested in a regionalized IT network. Phase One completed the inventory of municipal buildings and of existing computers and security systems. Phase Two will identify models, feasibility and maintenance costs of a shared network that addresses cybersecurity and other safeguards. The budget request is for \$20,000.00 to finish this stage.

The subcommittee agreed to increase the budget request and to accept the proposal as presented.

Motion: Larry Holmberg motioned to accept the proposal with a budget up to \$40,000.00. Carolyn Shores Ness seconded. Motion passed by a majority. 1 abstention.

Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI) - \$50,000.00

Raine presented the scope of work for review. The goal is to provide resources to support local boards of health and public health departments to develop NPI plans.

The proposal was amended to extend the timeline to engage stakeholders, starting in July and continuing through December 2019. This will allow more time to communicate with first responders, and to include schools, large employers, chambers of commerce, EMS and the EMD community.

Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to accept the proposal as amended. Larry Holmberg seconded. Motion passed by a majority. 1 abstention.

Mental Health Recovery Resource Guide & Campaign - \$50,000.00

A recognized challenge is to overcome the stigma attached to seeking help as a first responder. The Critical incident stress management team (CISMT) is currently overwhelmed with calls, and are designed to be a resource to the first responder community only. Their resources do not extend to family members.

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Raine is in communication with Deb Clapp and the CISM team to determine ways to assist CISM. A possible idea is to host EMDR classes for clinicians to provide additional skills to serve first responders and their needs. Raine will be coordinating further conversations around the project and bring a draft proposal to next month's meeting.

Public Information Message Maps - \$40,000.00

Raine sent the scope of work for the development of the message mapping to MAPC for procurement. The committee discussed the benefit of hosting a risk communications seminar. Raine suggested looking to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Dept. of Public Health to provide personnel with various areas of expertise to speak at the seminar.

Debris Management & SUV Online Training Reformatting - \$20,000

The PO is in place. Monthly updates will begin in June 2019.

Budget Review

An extension of the FFY17 has been sought and will likely be granted. This will allow the Functional/Access Needs Daily workshops to be developed. FFY18 projects are underway. WRHSAC approved the FFY19 investment plan. The contract will be in place by Jan/Feb 2020. The grant award was greater than the FFY18 budget. All proposed projects were included in the plan with remaining funds allocated to Training & Exercises.

Requests

None

Old Business

None

New Business

The summer schedule was discussed, and it was agreed to skip the July 02 meeting, and to resume the meetings on August 06, 2019.

<p>Motion: Carolyn Shores Ness motioned to accept the summer schedule as proposed. Larry Holmberg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

Items unforeseen by the chair

None

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 9:30 am at DPH, 23 Service Center Road, Northampton.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10.22 AM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ann Dunne, Franklin Regional Council of Governments